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A SLOW DRAG IN OKLAHOMA

Dull Days in the Oil Fields Preceding Final Adjournment of the Legislature on May 26—Pipe Line People Waiting to Find Out "Where They Are At"—Prairie's Tankage Full at Morris, and Twin Hills Producers Will Have to Wait Until More Storage is Constructed—Runs from Glenn Pool Drop to 40,514 Barrels a Day During First Two Weeks of May—Decrease of Nearly 8,000 Barrels a Day in Runs From All Districts—Surmises as to Plans of Royal Dutch Interests in Oklahoma—Extension of Twin Hills Field and Developments to Date.

TULSA, OKLA., May 18.—(Special.)—Things remain in a decidedly unsettled state in the Oklahoma oil fields pending the final determination of matters which have been hanging fire for months past. There has been no change in the pipe line situation, and no relief is looked for in this direction until the pipe line people find out "where they are at." All projected new lines, laterals and extensions, are held up as a result of the attitude of the state government as revealed last month when the Prairie Oil and Gas Company, after obtaining a special permit from the interior department to lay two short lines in the Cherokee nation, was enjoined by Attorney General West, who held that the permission of the federal authorities no longer "went" in Oklahoma. The Prairie people quit before they started, and the congestion in the shallow sand districts, which would have been relieved by the construction of the proposed 8-inch line to the Caney tank farm, remains the same. The Texas Company obtained right of way for a lateral from its 8-inch trunk line below Okmulgee to the new Twin Hills development, but when the state government stepped in and laid down the law, this company, like the Prairie, laid down the tongs, so to speak, and joined the lookers-on, who are waiting to see what will turn up next at Guthrie. On Saturday, May 16, it was reported from Twin Hills, that the Prairie's tankage at Morris, where it has been storing the Twin Hills oil, was full and that no more oil would be run until additional tanks could be constructed on the new farm purchased by the Prairie Company for this purpose, located about a mile and a half north of Morris and between that field and the Twin Hills development. Meanwhile, some of the Twin Hills wells are shut in, while the production of the others is being put into wooden tanks, or run into earthen storage. The Thomas bill, giving domestic pipe line corporations the right of eminent domain, and embodying the Oklahoma legislature's ideas as to the regulation of pipe line companies, has been passed and is up to Governor Haskell. The purpose of this measure is to make pipe line companies incorporate in Oklahoma, and if they do they have the rights granted by other states possessing pipe line statutes. Outside corporations are denied these rights, and if they attempt to operate their Oklahoma lines through a subsidiary co-operation they run up against the barbed wire provision that no company shall be permitted to own stock in another company engaged in the same business. The anti-trust bill, which purposed to give the attorney general the right to throw any company, suspected of operating in violation of the provisions of the measure, into a receiver's hands on the filing of a suit against it, was vetoed by Governor Haskell, who took the position that such a law would keep capital out of the state, and prevent investments that are needed to develop the industries of Oklahoma. This measure was patterned after the Texas statute, with a few turns of the thumb-screw added. The gross receipts, or excise bill, also cut on the Texas pattern, lacks the finishing touches, but will be trimmed into shape by the Guthrie law-makers within a few days. The house reduced the tax on oil production from one-half of 1 per cent to one-quarter of 1 per cent, and the senate committee raised it to 1 per cent. The conference committee will now operate on the measure, after which it will be reported back, passed and sent up to the governor. In the house the tax on pipe line runs was put at 2 per cent. Coal production was nailed for 3 per cent and sleeping car companies 5 per cent. Pleasant weather we are having.

GLENN RUNS DECLINE 20 PER CENT.

In the Glenn pool conditions are not improved. On the contrary, less oil is being run this month than in any month since March, 1907, when the three pipe line companies took 32,281 barrels a day. In April, 1907, the pipe line runs averaged 52,972 barrels a day. For the first two weeks of the present month the runs by the pipe line companies from the Glenn pool averaged only 40,514 barrels a day. Last October the runs by the pipe lines from Glenn wells averaged 82,943 barrels a day. Immense quantities of tankage were being built at that time, and the average daily movement by tank car was 11,786 barrels. Last month the pipe line runs from the Glenn field averaged 50,700 barrels a day. The decrease this month is due to several causes. The Prairie Oil and Gas Company averaged 17,500 barrels a day last month. It was shipping by tank car to Texas up to the fourth week in April, but it then suspended these shipments and is now taking about 12,500 barrels a day or 5,000 barrels less than the April record. The Texas Company, which has averaged 15,000 barrels a day for several months past, was held up four days by the burning of its Kiefer station, on May 9. This delay cut the company's average down to about 10,714 barrels for the first two weeks of the month. Four 1,600-barrel tanks and the oil they contained were also destroyed by the fire. The Gulf Pipe Line Company ran 17,300 barrels a day during the first two weeks of May, as compared with 18,200 barrels a day in April. There is apparently no marked change in conditions as regards production. The lowest estimates of the pool's output make it 60,000 barrels. Comparatively little drilling is being done, but most of the wells are shot, and this augments production considerably. The Prairie Oil and Gas Company's No. 14 on the Kiefer land in section 17-17-12 put 2,500 barrels into the tanks the first 24 hours after it was shot last week.

PIPE LINE RUNS FROM ALL DISTRICTS.

The Prairie Oil and Gas Company's runs from all mid-continent districts during the first two weeks of May averaged 86,838 barrels daily, as compared with 88,209 barrels in the corresponding period in April. The runs by the three pipe line companies in the first 14 days of May averaged 114,852 barrels daily, as compared with 122,309 barrels in the same period in April.

A GLANCE AHEAD.

The opinion prevails among operators that the adjournment of the Oklahoma legislature on May 26 will mark a turning point for the better in the oil situation. The atmosphere of uncertainty as to what is coming next which befogs the legislative halls at Guthrie will have cleared then, and the oil interests will at least know what they can or cannot do. Up to the present time they have been in the position of the candidate for initiation into a secret order—they haven't known whether the next test would be hot lead or a leap into the bottomless pit. Capital has been deterred from entering the field because the dominant influence at Guthrie has been hostile to money moving in large bodies. There is reason to believe that interests which are plentifully supplied with funds are powerfully attracted by the abundance and cheapness of oil in Oklahoma, and that they are figuring on entering the field. Some months ago the first indication of this intention was revealed when the Holland people took over the Oklahoma

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State Oil Company's property in the Glenn pool. The men in this deal are identified with the Royal Dutch Petroleum Company, one of the strongest combinations of capital in the world's oil trade. Their expert has been in the Oklahoma field constantly this year, and it is known that a number of large properties have been inspected. Very recently one of the principals was in St. Louis and the natural inference is that the Dutch people have under consideration plans for extensive operations in Oklahoma. If they carry out these plans it is hardly probable that they will depend upon the local pipe line companies for a market. More likely they would provide their own outlet, perhaps a pipe line to tidewater, where they could load their vessels. Their plans might even contemplate a refinery. Whatever they have in mind there is reason to believe that the next move will be made within a month or two. If they get into the game strong, and install marketing facilities it will eventually be beneficial to the situation, for whoever moves a barrel of oil from the field, whether his own production or oil he has purchased, helps just that much to hasten the day of better prices.

EXTENSION OF TWIN HILLS FIELD.

Some good wells and several failures are reported from the Twin Hills, or Bald Hill, field. Galbreath & Chesley's No. 1 on the Fannie White land, southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 27-15-14, a mile and a half east of production, is rated good for 150 to 300 barrels in the Red Fork sand at 1,610 feet. It was shut in after being drilled a few feet into the pay. W. H. Roeser's No. 2 on the Rachel Roberts land, southeast corner of section 29-15-14, found 16 feet of rich sand between 1,540 and 1,575 and is making 500 barrels or better. The Producers Oil Company's No. 2 in the southeast corner of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 6-15-14 is a 300-barrel well, and the Keystone Oil Company's No. 2 on the Hillman land (contested lease) in the northwest corner of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 6-15-14 is credited with 250 to 300 barrels. The Kanawha Oil Company's No. 1 in the northwest corner of the north-

east quarter of section 32-15-14 has a caving hole, but is rated at 150 barrels. Harry Wilson's test for the Marguerite Oil Company, southwest corner of southeast quarter of southwest quarter of section 33-15-14, showed over 100 feet of sand, some of it producing oil and gas, but the most of it hard and barren. The bottom of the hole is 1,772 feet. It may make a small well. A streak of water sand was penetrated in this test. The Revere test in the northwest corner of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 5-14-14 was dry and has been abandoned at 1,770 feet. Considerable interest centers in the James Scott test on the Lula Allen land, southeast quarter of southwest quarter of section 13-14-13, a mile and a half southwest of production. It is getting down to the depth where it ought to show one way or the other very soon.

The Vicmar well in the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of section 31-15-14 has been abandoned at a depth of 2,000 feet. Galbreath & Chesley's test in the southwest corner of section 15-15-14 is dry at 1,820 feet. It will be drilled deeper. Following is a summary of operations at Twin Hills showing producing wells completed since the last report, wells drilling and derricks:

PRODUCING WELLS COMPLETED FIRST HALF OF MAY.

Producers Oil Company No. 2 S. E. Cor. of N. W. ¼ of N. W. ¼ sec. 6-15-14 300 bbls.

Keystone Oil & Gas Co. No. 2 (contested lease) N. W. Cor. S. W. ¼ of N. E. ¼ sec. 6-15-14, 300 barrels.

W. H. Roeser No. 2 S. E. Cor. Sec. 29-15-14 500 bbls.

Galbreath & Chesley No. 1 S. E. ¼ sec. 27-15-14, 150 bbls.

Kanawha Oil Co., N. W. Cor. N. E. ¼ sec. 32-15-14, 150 bbls. Hole caving badly.

WELLS DRILLING.

Section 13-14-13—James Scott, center of east line of S. E. ¼ o S. W. ¼.

Section 12-14-13—S. C. Hivick, N. E. Cor. of S. E. ¼ of S. W. ¼. W. S. Turman N. E. Cor. of N. E. ¼.

Section 6-14-14—Burns & Caton N. W. Cor. of S. E. ¼ of N. W. ¼; Producers Oil Co. No. 3, center of east line of N. W. ¼ of N. W. ¼ and No. 4 center of south line of N. W. ¼ of N. W. ¼.

Section 5-14-14—Mabel Oil Company No. 3 N. W. Cor. of N. W. ¼ of N. W. ¼.

Section 31-15-14—Winona & Leader No. 1. S. E. Corner of Section; gassing at 1,672 feet.

Section 32-15-14—Canadian Oil & Gas Company No. 2 S. W. Cor. of S. E. ¼ of S. W. ¼.

Section 28-15-14—Letcher & Leonard No. 1, S. E. Cor. of N. W. ¼. George Harmon N. W. Cor. of N. E. ¼ of N. E. ¼.

Section 18-15-14—George Harmon, S. W. Cor. of S. E. ¼ of S. E. ¼.

Section 15-15-14—Galbreath & Chesley, S. W. Cor. of Section.

DERRICKS ERECTED.

Section 13-14-13—Producers Oil Co. N. E. Cor. of N. W. ¼.

Section 6-14-14—Producers Oil Co. No. 5, N. E. Cor. of N. W. ¼ of N. W. ¼. Burns & Caton No. 4 N. E. Cor. of S. W. ¼ of N. W. ¼. Burns & Caton N. E. Cor. of S. W. ¼. George Harmon No. 2 one location west of No. 1. Keystone Oil & Gas Co. (contested lease) S. W. Cor. of N. W. ¼ of N. E. ¼ and N. E. Cor. of S. E. ¼ of N. E. ¼. Prairie Oil & Gas Co. (contested lease) N. E. Cor. of N. W. ¼ of S. E. ¼.

Section 31-15-14—Winona & Leader S. E. Cor. of S. W. ¼ of S. W. ¼.

Section 33-15-14—Vicmar Oil Co. N. W. Cor. of section.

Section 29-15-14—W. H. Roeser, one location north of No. 2. R. A. Josey, S. E. Cor. of the N. ½ of N. ½ of S. E. ¼.

Section 20-15-14—George Harmon (contested lease) S. E. Cor. of N. W. ¼.

THE MOUNDS DEEP WELLS.

The Prairie Oil and Gas Company's test in section 18-16-12, about 1,200 feet east and a little south of the Swasey Oil Company's deep producer on the Korndorfer land in the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of same section, is making 115 barrels natural. These wells are about a mile southwest of Mounds, and the results obtained in them have created a lively demand for leases in this territory. The Birdie Postoak 160 acres, a 7-year minor lease, composing the southeast quarter of section 13-16-11, joining on the West the quarter section in which the two producers are located, brought $19,400 at public auction at Okmulgee on May 13. Robert Galbreath bid in the northeast 40 acres of the quarter section at $7,500 and the southeast 40 acres at $4,200. The Gulf Pipe Line Company got the northwest 40 acres for $4,500 and H. B. Gooch the southwest 40 at $3,200. James E. Wade of Tulsa has a lease on the Thomas Bruner 160 acres, composing the northeast quarter of section 24-16-11, joining the Postoak land on fancy offers for the land.
the south, and has refused some

EXTENSION OF MUSKOGEE FIELD.

A late report from the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Company's test on the Winnie Washington 160 acres, northeast quarter of section 13-14-17, three miles southwest of production in the Muskogee district, states that the well has been drilled 17 feet into the sand and is good for 200 barrels. Work on the well was interfered with by the burning of the rig. The rig was rebuilt and the well was drilled in last week. There is some water in the hole. On the Holden 40 acres of the Grace Smith allotment, section 9-14-18, about 1,000 feet northwest of the first big well on the Seibold 60 acres, Boyd & Patton have a 1,200-barrel producer for the Richland Development Company. It being No. 3 on this land. The well has been flowing for over a week and is reported to be holding up in good shape. The Julian Oil Company's No. 5 on the east side of the Laura Evans allotment in the northeast quarter of section 8-14-18, is reported dry. The Success Oil Company's No. 4 on the Kathryn Stevens land, southwest quarter of section 8-14-18, a little west of production, is a small producer. The Cuban Oil Company's well on the R. Smith 40 acres, northwest quarter of section 4-14-18 and a half mile north of production, found the Muskogee sand and is reported a producer.

STANDARD OFFICIALS VISIT THE MID-CONTINENT.

A party of Standard Oil officials visited the Oklahoma and Kansas oil fields last week, coming from the east in a special car. They stopped at Titusville, Pa., on May 7 to attend the dinner given in celebration of the seventieth birthday of Joseph Seep, purchasing agent of the Standard, and also made a short stay in St. Louis, going direct from there to Muskogee, Tulsa and the other points of interest to them in the Mid-continent fields. They saw the Glenn pool and the Cherokee and Osage districts, the Standard's refineries at Neodesha, Kas., and at Kansas City, and returned east from the latter point. In the party were James A. Moffett, president of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana; his son, J. A. Moffett, Jr.; Calvin N. Payne, executive officer of the National Transit Company; H. C. Folger, chief of the Standard's export department; J. C. Donnell, vice-president and general manager of the Ohio Oil Company; Forrest M. Towl, tax agent for the Standard; D. A. Bushnell, W. W. Pilkerton, and A. C. Bedford of New York. Vice-President and General Manager J. E. O'Neil of the Prairie Oil & Gas Company accompanied the party from the East and directed the trip through the Oklahoma and Kansas fields.

RETURNS MADE BY PRAIRIE COMPANY FOR TAXATION.

The Prairie Oil & Gas Company's schedule of property, as returned to the Oklahoma Board of Equalization, foots up $14,666,048.53, this being the value which the company places upon its oil, real estate, pipe lines, telephone and telegraph lines, tankage and other equipment in the state of Oklahoma. The returns by counties are given as follows:

County.	Value returned.
Creek	$ 1,518,032.87
Muskogee	109,037.20
Nowata	226,207.34
Okmulgee	162,404.40
Osage	725,815.91
Pawnee	646,229.95
Rogers	96,481.74
Tulsa	3,438,188.47
Washington	7,693,549.65

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date to which the returns apply. About 20,400,000 barrels was returned as in iron tanks, and some 130,000 barrels in wooden tanks. Most of the oil was returned at the price paid for it, 41 cents, this being classified as "south" oil, while the heavier grades were returned as "north" oil at the uniform rate of 32.4 cents per barrel. The schedule of valuations placed by the company upon the different items is here given:

Item.	Value returned
Iron tankage, per bbl.	$0.20
Wooden tankage, per bbl.	.27
Oil south, per bbl.	.41
Oil north, per bbl.	*.32
Wire, per mile	28.00
Poles, per mile	51.00
Pipe, 1-inch, per mile	118.80
1¼-inch, per mile	118.80
2-inch, per mile	424.90
3-inch, per mile	830.41
4-inch, per mile	1,163.84
5-inch, per mile	1,423.62
5 3-16-inch, per mile	2,150.28
6-inch, per mile	2,029.10
6¼-inch, per mile	1,433.52
6⅝-inch, per mile	2,170.08
8-inch, per mile	2,137.90
8¼-inch, per mile	2,647.26
10-inch, per mile	4,777.34
10¾-inch, per mile	3,919.21
Jenks loading rack	1,000.00
Kiefer loading rack	500.00
Boilers, 25 H. P.	200.00
Boilers, 20 H. P.	175.00
Steam engines, 20 H. P.	200.00
Steam engines, 15 H. P.	125.00
Gas engines, 35 H. P.	300.00
Tank farms, per acre	$20 to $50
Pumping rigs (standard)	250.00
Field pumps	50.00

*Exact figure $0.324.

The Gulf Pipe Line Company's return of taxable property in Oklahoma to the Oklahoma State Board of Equalization was $941,430, and that of The Texas Company about $640,000. The Gulf Company has considerably more iron tankage and oil in storage in the state than The Texas Company. The valuations in their schedules are similar in general to the valuations returned in Kansas last year by the Prairie Company, which were 11 cents for heavy oil, 14 cents for light oil, 7 1-3 cents a barrel for steel tankage, 10 cents a barrel for wooden tankage, $172 a mile for 2-inch pipe, $312 a mile for 3-inch pipe, $446 for 4-inch pipe, $776 for 6-inch pipe, $1,320 for 8-inch pipe, $2,288 for 12-inch pipe and $20 a mile for telegraph poles. The Gulf Company returned its oil at 12 cents, iron tanks at 7½ cents, wood tanks at 10 cents, 2-inch pipe at $200, 3-inch pipe at $400, 4-inch pipe at $600, 6-inch pipe at $1,000, 8-inch pipe at $1,760 and poles at $21 per mile. The Texas Company's valuations were about the same.

NOTES.

C. P. Clayton, superintendent for the Producers Oil Company at Jennings, La., arrived in Tulsa on May 15 for a stay of several days. Mr. Clayton is the man who has obtained such excellent results for the Producers Company in the Jennings field. Several of the wells completed under his direction on the Latreille tract during the past year have started at 5,000 barrels. One, finished early in May, had an initial output of nearly 6,000 barrels, and is still making about 3,000 barrels.

W. B. Tucker of Beaumont, who was one of the organizers of the Big Five Oil Company, operating on Spindletop, is in Tulsa to look over the Oklahoma fields. The Big Five recently changed hands for a consideration of $125,000 and Mr. Tucker profited, largely by the sale.

C. F. Moore, formerly assistant general superintendent of the Gulf Pipe Line Company, with headquarters at Beaumont, is in Tulsa. It is understood that he is dealing for a lease in the Glenn pool.

H. P. Langworthy, in charge of the Gulf Pipe Line Company's accounting department at Tulsa, is recovering from an operation, and was removed last week from the hospital to his home.

J. L. Sarver has been appointed assistant superintendent for the Gulf Pipe Line Company, with headquarters at Tulsa. Joe S. Thompson is superintendent of the Oklahoma end.

Tad Reese of Independence, Kas., has bought the Mary E. Green residence at Sixth and Cheyenne streets in Tulsa with the proceeds of a sale of two 40-acre pieces near the Mounds deep wells. One of the leases is in the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 28 and the other is in the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 27, both being out of the Adams land. Galbreath & Chesley paid him $8,000 for the 80 acres, and Reese added $500 and bought the handsome Green home. He will move from Independence to Tulsa in the near future.

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At a meeting of officers and members of the Tulsa Country Club in the office of Manager F. A. Leovy of the Gulf Pipe Line Company on the evening of May 14 the contract for a $2,000 clubhouse was let, work to be started immediately. Mr. Leovy is president of the club and Lew Emery secretary and treasurer. Gardner Steele and Matt Taylor compose the committee on building. The organization has leased the fine tract of 80 acres, owned by Dr. Kennedy, and located on the north side of town, for a period of 10 years. Sixty-five members have been enrolled to date. A match game of golf was played on the Country Club links on May 17.

The annual meeting of the Frick-Reid Supply Company was held at Bartlesville, Okla., on May 14. Among those in attendance were W. E. Frick, president, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Joseph Reid, vice-president, of Oil City, Pa., and J. T. Hadley, also of Oil City. After finishing up the business at Bartlesville these gentlemen, and several associates, visited Tulsa, where the company's branch store is handling its full share of the Glenn pool and lower Creek nation business. Mr. Reid is also president of the Joseph Reid Gas Company.

The Rebold test in the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 26, township 13, range 14, nearly one-half mile north of the Winslow well in the southwest corner of the same section, is dry at 1,700 feet. The Winslow well is making about 175 barrels. The Hill Oil Company is preparing to drill an offset to the Gypsy Oil Company's well in section 35, township 13, range 14. The location is west of the Gypsy well and in the northeast corner of section 34, township 13, range 14.

The Dutcher Oil Company's well in section 22, township 17, range 11, four miles south and a little west of Sapulpa, which found a pay sand at 2,118 feet, has been packed off, but on May 16 was reported not producing. It will probably be to pump.

The gas well at Beggs will be drilled deeper with the expectation of finding the sand developed in the deep wells southwest of Mounds.

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Company, who was tried in the United States court at Topeka, Kas., on the charge of having used the mails to defraud, returned a verdict of not guilty on May 6, and Tucker was discharged. It is stated that he has obtained a large sum from stockholders in his company for the purpose of completing the pipe line from Bartlesville to the Uncle Sam refinery at Atchison.

Secretary Garfield has appointed Frank A. White and F. E. Foster assistant oil inspectors in Oklahoma. It is stated that they will be assigned to keep tab on the runs of the three pipe line companies operating in the Oklahoma field—the Prairie Oil & Gas Company, the Gulf Pipe Line Company and The Texas Company—and they may also look after the smaller local lines. They are to work subject to the direction of J. George Wright, commissioner to the five civilized tribes. C. E. Creager is chief oil inspector, with five assistants including the two recent appointees.

NEW WELL IN AT TWIN HILLS—GASSER ON FIRE.

TULSA, OKLA., May 19—(Special Telegram.)—Producers No. 3, center of east line of northwest quarter of northwest quarter of section 6-14-14 at Twin Hills is in and reported good for 250 barrels. Lightning struck the derrick over the Winona-Leader 25,000,000-foot gas well in the southeast corner of section 31-15-14 during a terrific electric storm early yesterday morning. A string of tools belonging to Frank Breen was destroyed, and the flames from the burning gas are shooting up 100 feet in the air.

Lightning struck a 55,000 barrel tank belonging to the Prairie Oil and Gas Company, located on the Kansas-Oklahoma lease in the Glenn pool, late Sunday night, resulting in loss of tank and contents.

"SPLITTING" PLANT AND ANOTHER GASSER AT HENRIETTA.

Material for the Navarro Refining Company's "splitting" plant has arrived at Petrolia, Texas. It is the purpose of the Navarro Company to run Henrietta crude through the stills, taking off some of the light products and selling the remainder for fuel. The Producers' Oil Company has completed a good gas well on the Byers farm, north of the Clayco wells, at a depth between 1,400 and 1,500 feet. This is the second gasser in the Henrietta development, the first having been drilled in on the Clayco Company's Lochridge lease. Plans are now being worked out to pipe the gas to Wichita Falls, on the Forth Worth & Denver road, about 18 miles from the field.

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PRAIRIE OIL AND GAS COMPANY.

Runs.

1908.	Total Bbls.	Daily Avg.
January	2,914,843.19	94,027.20
February	2,773,592.27	95,641.11
March	2,985,696.98	96,312.81
April	2,979,844.45	99,328.15
Total	10,653,976.89	

Deliveries.

January	2,332,098.07	75,228.97
February	2,005,284.75	69,147.75
March	1,994,992.29	64,354.29
April	1,941,283.80	64,709.46
Total	8,273,658.91	

Tanked.

January	582,745.12	18,798.23
February	768,307.52	26,493.36
March	990,704.69	31,958.22
April	1,038,560.65	34,618.69
Total	3,380,317.98	

Stocks.

February 1	32,569,215.29
March 1	33,352,054.29
April 1	34,555,351.62
May 1	35,739,398.64

GULF PIPE LINE COMPANY.

(Estimated.)

Runs.

January	558,000	18,000
February	532,600	18,400
March	620,000	20,000
April	546,000	18,200
Total	2,257,600	

Deliveries.

January	387,500	12,500
February	437,900	15,100
March	496,000	16,000
April	390,000	13,000
Total	1,711,400	

Tanked.

January	170,500	5,500
February	95,700	3,300
March	124,000	4,000
April	156,000	5,200
Total	546,200	

Stocks.

May 1	5,156,000

THE TEXAS COMPANY.

(Estimated.)

Runs.

January	465,000	15,000
February	464,000	16,000
March	465,000	15,000
April	450,000	15,000
Total	1,844,000	

Deliveries.

January	465,000	15,000
February	464,000	16,000
March	465,000	15,000
April	450,000	15,000
Total	1,844,000	

Tanked.

None.

Stocks.

May 1	2,400,000

RECAPITULATION — MID-CONTINENT REGION.

All Pipe Line Runs.

January	3,937,843.19	127,027.20
February	3,771,192.27	136,041.11
March	4,070,696.98	131,312.81
April	3,975,844.45	132,528.15
Total	15,755,576	

Deliveries.

January	3,184,598.07	102,728.97
February	2,907,184.75	100,247.75
March	2,955,992.29	95,354.29
April	2,781,283.80	92,709.46
Total	11,828,958.91	

Tanked.

January	1,043,245.12	33,654.23
February	1,188,007.52	39,149.36
aMrch	1,114,704.69	35,958.22
April	1,194,560.65	39,818.69
Total	4,540,517.98	

MID-CONTINENT STOCKS MAY 1.

Prairie O. & G. Co.	35,739,398.64
Gulf P. L. Co. (Est.)	5,156,000.00
The Texas Co. (Est.)	2,400,000.00
In producers' tanks	6,400,000.00
Total	49,695,398.64

OKLAHOMA PIPE LINE RUNS

(May 1 to 14.)

PRAIRIE OIL AND GAS COMPANY.

	Apr. 1 to 14.	May 1 to 14.
Runs	1,234,926	1,215,741
Daily average	88,209	86,838
Deliveries	886,732	862,772
Daily average	63,338	61,626
Tanked	348,194	352,968
Daily average	24,871	25,212

GULF PIPE LINE COMPANY.

	Apr. 1 to 14.	May 1 to 14.
Runs	267,400	242,200
Daily average	19,100	17,300
Deliveries	210,000	189,000
Daily average	15,000	13,500
Tanked	57,400	53,200
Daily average	4,000	3,800

THE TEXAS COMPANY.

	Apr. 1 to 14.	May 1 to 14.
Runs	210,000	150,000
Daily average	15,000	13,500
Deliveries	210,000	150,000
Daily average	15,000	10,714
Tanked	None.	None.

GULF COAST REGION.

Production.

	Total Bbls.	Daily Avg.
January (Est.)	1,479,950	47,740
February (Est.)	1,497,950	51,653
March (Est.)	1,663,980	53,677
April (Est.)	1,475,600	49,187
Total	6,117,480	

Consumption.

(Estimated.)

January	1,192,791	38,477
February	977,113	33,694
March	949,814	30,640
April	905,143	30,171
Total	3,924,861	

Stocks.

May 1 (Est.)	5,735,741

ILLINOIS REGION.

1908.	Runs.	Shipments.	Stocks.
Jan.	2,497,354.21	77,936.36	14,053,277.39
Feb.	2,464,914.17	230,336.22	15,010,751.96
Mch.	2,591,911.33	303,318.31	15,848,970.90
*Apr.	3,089,417.23	216,938.31	17,325,277.94
Tot.	10,643,596.94	828,519.20	

*Other receipts, 439,709.81.

*Other deliveries, 216,938.31.

*Daily average runs and receipts, 102,980.57.

PENNSYLVANIA-LIMA-KENTUCKY.

Runs.

1908.	Total Bbls.	Daily Avg.
January	2,533,716.21	81,732.78
February	2,323,342.23	80,460.07
March	2,611,812.17	84,252.00
April	2,583,085.20	86,102.84
Total	12,061,955.81	

Deliveries.

January	5,554,984.38	179,193.04
February	4,985,638.34	171,918.56
March	5,147,047.87	166,033.80
April	5,325,816.54	177,527.22
Total	21,013,487.13	

Gross Stocks.

January 1	12,472,264.11
February 1	12,835,197.60
March 1	12,949,112.20
April 1	13,512,728.28
May 1	13,831,205.85

The foregoing gross stocks held by Eastern pipe lines are made up of the following grades of oil:

Grade.	March.	April.
Pennsylvania	3,074,634.28	3,092,553.75
Lima	4,567,612.34	4,653,598.72
Kentucky	334,912.48	324,724.14
Kansas	2,615,961.13	2,571,254.43
Illinois	2,910,608.05	3,139,074.81
Total	13,512,728.28	13,831,205.85

ALL LIGHT OIL RECEIPTS.

Following are the daily average receipts of the different grades of oil by the various lines during April:

Field.	Barrels.
Pennsylvania	64,773
Lima	21,330
Illinois	102,981
Mid-continent	132,528
Total	321,612
Total March	299,174

CRUDE PETROLEUM MARKET

Quotations on Credit Balances as Posted by the Pipe Lines.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS AND LOUISIANA.

Sun Company.

District	Apr. 11.	Apr. 21.	Apr. 27.	May 7.	May 11.	May 13.
Spindletop	68	66	64	61	61	59
Sour Lake	68	66	64	61	61	59
Batson	64	62	60	57	57	55
Saratoga	65	63	61	58	58	56
Humble	68	65	64	64	62	62
Dayton	58	56	54	52	54	52

Gulf Pipe Line Company.

District	Apr. 11.	Apr. 21.	Apr. 28.	May 6.	May 11.	May 12.
Spindletop	68	67	64	61	61	59
Sour Lake	70	68	64	61	61	59
Saratoga	66	64	61	58	58	56
Batson	64	62	60	57	57	55
Humble	68	65	64	64	62	62

The Texas Company.

District	Jan. 23.	Feb. 4.	Mch. 13.	Mch. 30.	Apr. 20.	May. 11.
Sour Lake	77.	75	72	70	68	65
Saratoga	73	71	71	66	64	61
Humble	75	73	70	68	65	62
Jennings	72	70	67	64	60	57
Shreveport	72	70	67	64	58	55

Above prices do not include loading, storage or other charges on oil shipped by tank car.

NORTH TEXAS.

Navarro Refining Company.

	Apr. 24.	Apr. 28.	May 16.
Corsicana, light	$0.82	$0.80	$0.77
Corsicana, heavy	.62	.60	.57
Henrietta, Texas	.70	.70	.70

KANSAS AND OKLAHOMA.

Prairie Oil and Gas Company.

	1907 Feb. 11.	1907 Mch. 9.
32 gravity and over	$0.40	$0.41
32 to 31½ gravity	.37	.38
31½ to 31 gravity	.34	.38
31 to 30½ gravity	.31	.32
30½ to 30 gravity	.27	.28
Heavy or fuel oil	.27	.28

Gulf Pipe Line Company.

	1907 Dec. 5.
Glenn Crude	$0.35

EASTERN STATES.

Seep Purchasing Agency.

Pennsylvania	$1.78
Second sand	1.78
Tiona oil	1.78
Amber oil	1.78
Corning	1.14
Newcastle	1.22
Cabell	1.22
Butler, Ohio	1.78
North Lima	*1.04
South Lima	*.99
Indiana	*.99
Illinois	.68
Illinois, under 30 deg.	.68
Princeton, Ind.	.68
Somerset	1.00
Ragland	.75
Canada	1.34

*Advanced 5 cents February 26.

PIPE LINE STOCKS OF LIGHT OIL.

The stocks west of the Mississippi held by the Prairie Oil and Gas Company amounted to 35,739,399 barrels at the close of April. The stocks held by the Gulf Pipe Line and The Texas Company were estimated at 7,556,000 barrels, which would make the total stocks in the tanks of the pipe line companies west of the Mississippi 43,295,399 barrels. The total stocks of the different grades of oil held by the various pipe line companies at the close of April were as follows:

Grades of Oil.	Barrels.
Pennsylvania	3,092,554
Lima	4,653,599
Kentucky	324,724
Illinois (Eastern lines)	3,189,075
Illinois (Ohio Oil Co.)	17,325,278
Kansas (Eastern lines)	2,571,254
Kansas (Mid-continent)	43,295,399
Total	74,451,883
Total March 31	70,382,049

Lightning struck a 48,000 barrel tank of the Union Oil Company at Colon, Panama, on April 13. The exact loss is not reported.

TEXAS-LOUISIANA SUMMARY

(May 1 to 15.)

Forty-four wells were completed in the Gulf Coast region in the first half of May, thirty-three being producers, with initial production of 10,935 barrels, or 331 barrels per well, 8 dry and 2 at Caddo and 1 at Humble gas. There were 28 completions in the first half of April, of which 22 were producers, with initial production of 14,400 barrels, or 514 barrels per well, 5 were dry and 1, at Humble, a gasser.

On May 15 there were 100 wells drilling and 8 rigs up in the Gulf districts, as compared with 117 drilling and 13 rigs on April 30, indicating a decline of 22 wells drilling and rigs. Jennings tops the list in the item of new production with 6,675 barrels, or six-tenths of the entire quantity credited to all Gulf districts in the first 14 days of the month. Producers 43 on the Latreille 40 acres came in May 5, making over 5,000 barrels and at last reports had settled down to 3,000 barrels. It is the biggest well completed in the Jennings field this year, and there has been nothing in the Texas districts approaching it. Jennings-Heywood Oil Syndicate 61 on the Clement farm is credited with 800 barrels, Jennings Heywood 60 on the fee simple land 500 barrels, Jennings Oil Company 14 on the Clement 200 barrels and Heywood Oil Company 4 on the Eunice -Crowley 175 barrels. All are equipped with air excepting the last well, which is on the pump. Nineteen wells were drilling at Jennings on May 15 and 2 rigs were up.

Humble is credited with 17 completions, 13 being producers, with 1,945 barrels initial output, or 149 barrels per well, 3 dry and 1 gas. Hermann 43, on the Hermann made 1,500 barrels the first day, and then stopped flowing. Efforts are now being made to revive it. Esperson 10, on the Hermann, good for 25 barrels, is producing 38 gravity oil from 2,000 feet. Humble reported 32 wells drilling on May 15, and 11 derricks up for new work.

Spindletop completed 6 wells, all producers, for 670 barrels of new oil, or 112 barrels per well. Lucky strike 5, on the McFaddin, came in for 200 barrels and later increased to 300 barrels on the pump. Bowles 9, same tract, started at 200 barrels. The other new wells, good for from 50 to 80 barrels each were scattered over the Gladys, old San Jacinto and McFaddin leases. There were 14 wells drilling, and 1 rig and 2 derricks up on May 15.

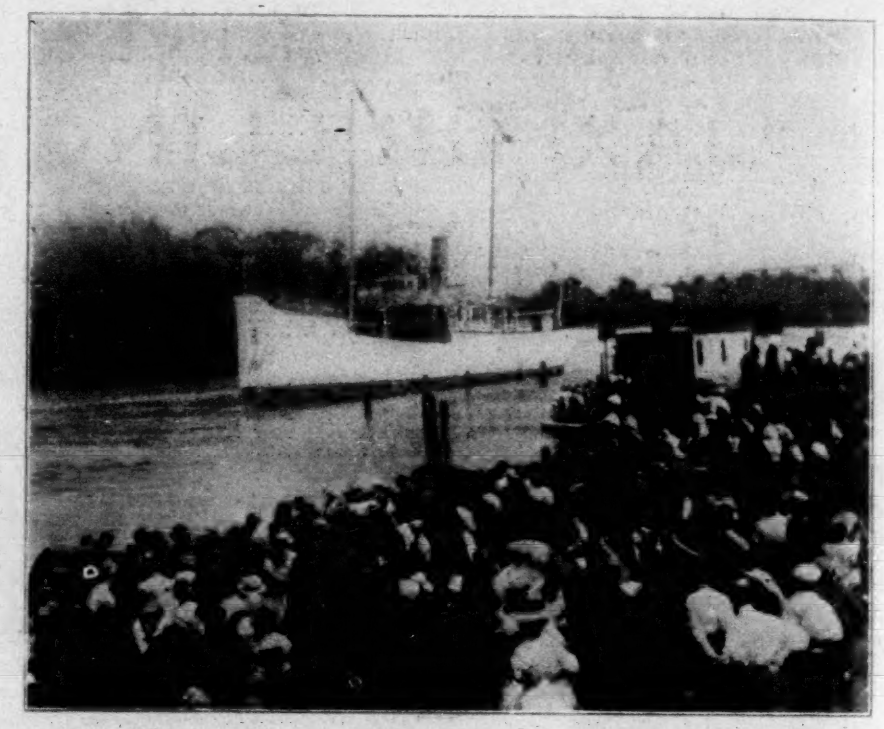
Sour Lake reported 145 barrels of new production from 4 completions, all producers. Seven wells were drilling, one drilling deeper and 1 rig was up on May 15.

Batson is credited with 30 barrels new production from 2 completions, both producers, each good for 15 barrels. Two wells were drilling, 1 rig up and one derrick up on May 15.

Saratoga completed no new wells, but reports 2 drilling, 3 drilling deeper and 1 rig up on May 15.

The American Sulphur and Oil Company completed a salt water well in the river bottom, southeast of Dayton. Dayton reported 3 wells drilling and 1 rig up on May 15.

LATEST ADDITION TO BEAUMONT'S FLEET OF OCEAN-GOING VESSELS



The steel steamship Nicaragua, recently purchased by Captain W. C. Tyrrell, president of the Heywood Oil Company, arrived at Beaumont April 27, after a trip from New Orleans, via the Mississippi river, the Gulf of Mexico, Sabine Pass, the Port Arthur ship channel and the Neches river. All Beaumont turned out to give Captain Tyrrell and the Nicaragua a welcome. The picture shows the vessel just after she had passed through the Kansas City Southern draw bridge and was heading in to the wharf.

At Caddo 5 wells were completed, 3 oil, with initial production of 1,470 barrels, or 490 barrels per well and 2 gas. Richardson 2, in section 32, Pine Island, flowed for 60 hours at the rate of 50 to 60 barrels an hour. Its production for a time would be all oil, then part oil and part water, then all salt water. On May 16 it was shut in. Caddo Gas and Oil 11, on the Smith, is reported producing about 5 barrels of oil and about 15,000,000 feet of gas. Caddo Gas and Oil 4, on the Gilbert, is a gasser, while Caddo Gas and Oil 1 on the fee land in section 1-20-16 is producing 200 barrels and Producers 2, on the Murray & Colquitt section 12-20-16, is good for 65 barrels. The Hostetter well at Mooringsport blew out again on May 7, while the drillers were fishing for the pipe and tools originally in the well, but produced only mud and shale. It was controlled and the fishing job is progressing. Sixteen wells were drilling at Caddo and 13 derricks were up for new work on May 15. Pipe for the Caddo-Texarkana gas line has been dumped along the right of way despite the prohibitive action of the Caddo police jury to prevent taking gas out of the state. Land sales are still active, the Dawes interests having bought heavily in the last 15 days. Anse la Butte continues quiet, with no completions, but 5 wells drilling and 1 derrick up on May 15.

GULF COAST PRODUCTION.

Estimates of production on May 15 indicate a slight increase in the gross output of the Gulf coast region. The South Texas districts are credited with 31,955 barrels on that date, as against 31,870 barrels on May 1 and 34,160 barrels on April 15. The Louisiana districts are credited with 23,080 barrels on May 15, as against 22,230 barrels on May 1 and 20,710 barrels on April 15.

CRUDE OIL PRICES.

The Gulf Coast oil market is on the toboggan slide. Repeated cuts by the pipe lines, due to slow demand for fuel oil and consequent heavy monthly additions to stocks are rapidly shooting prices to a 50-cent level. The Texas fields have to depend on the fuel oil market almost entirely now for business, Oklahoma crude having taken its place in the refineries. The fuel oil demand itself is heavily curtailed by the general depression of business, the expanding use of residuum from the refineries and the fact that former heavy fuel oil consumers were frightened off by the very high prices of last year before the effect of Oklahoma crude was felt and when the Gulf regions showed a heavy shortage each month. It is reported that many consumers have contracted for coal sufficient for requirements a year or more ahead. The Sun Company on May 7 posted a cut of 3 cents in credit balance prices on Spindletop, Sour Lake, Batson and Saratoga, and 2 cents on Dayton, leaving Humble unchanged at 64. On May 11 Humble was cut 2 cents and Dayton raised 2 cents. On May 13 all fields but Humble were cut 2 cents, making the postings of the Sun Company on that date Spindletop 59, Sour Lake 59, Batson 55, Saratoga 56, Humble 62 and Dayton 52 cents. The Gulf Pipe Line Company on May 6 cut Spindletop, Sour Lake, Saratoga

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and Batson each 3 cents, Humble remaining at 64 cents. On May 11 Humble was cut 2 cents. On May 12 a cut of 2 cents was made by this company on all fields except Humble, the schedule on that date being Spindletop and Sour Lake 59, Saratoga 56, Batson 55 and Humble 62 cents. The Texas Company posted a cut on May 11, reducing all fields 3 cents, making Sour Lake 65, Saratoga 61, Humble 62, Jennings 57 and Shreveport (Caddo), 55 cents.

The Gulf Pipe Line Company on May 20 posted a cut of 2 cents in credit balance prices on all fields, making its quotations: Spindletop 57 cents, Sour Lake 57, Saratoga 54, Batson 53 and Humble 60. The Sun Company also cut its list 2 cents, making Spindletop 57 cents, Sour Lake 57, Saratoga, 54, Batson 53, Humble 60 and Dayton 50.

Following are the tables of production and well statistics, and the field reports for the first 14 days of May:

GULF COAST WELL SUMMARY FIRST TWO WEEKS OF MAY.

WELLS COMPLETED.

District.	Com.	Pdc.	Dry.	Abd.	Pdn.
Saratoga	..	..	..	..	..
Batson	2	2	..	2	30
Humble	17	13	*4	12	1,945
Spindletop	6	6	..	4	670
Dayton	1	..	1	..	..
Sour Lake	4	4	..	..	145
Jennings	9	5	4	..	6,675
Caddo	5	3	**2	..	1,470
Anse la Butte	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	44	33	11	18	10,935
First half April	28	22	6	6	14,400
Diference	16	11	5	12	3,465

*1 gasser. **2 gassers.

WELLS DRILLING AND RIGS.

	—Drilling.—		—Rigs.—		Total.
	Apr. 30.	May 15.	Apr. 30.	May 15.	May 15.
Saratoga	1	2	2	1	3
Batson	5	2	1	1	3
Humble	39	32	2	..	32
Spindletop	18	14	2	1	15
Dayton	4	2	..	1	4
Sour Lake	8	7	..	2	9
Jennings	20	19	..	2	21
Caddo	17	16	6	..	16
Anse la B.	5	5	..	..	5
Totals	117	100	13	8	108

GULF COAST PRODUCTION ON MAY 15.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS.

District.	Apr. 15.	May 1.	May 15.
Saratoga	6,500	6,200	6,200
Batson	4,700	4,800	4,700
Humble	10,000	9,500	9,700
Sour Lake	5,680	5,600	5,560
Spindletop	6,950	5,500	6,375
Dayton	330	270	420
Totals	34,160	31,870	31,955

LOUISIANA.

District.	Apr. 15.	May 1.	May 15.
Jennings	19,000	20,000	21,000
Caddo	1,080	1,600	1,450
Welsh	130	130	130
Anse la Butte	500	500	500
Totals	20,710	22,230	23,080

GULF COAST REGION.

District.	Apr. 15.	May 1.	May 15.
Southeast Texas	34,160	31,870	31,955
Louisiana	20,710	22,230	23,080
Totals	54,870	54,100	55,035

HUMBLE.

COMPLETED.

Hermann 35, Herman, dry.
Hermann 43, Hermann, 1,500 bbls.
Hermann 44, Hermann, gasser.
Sun 46, Fant & Freund, 100 bbls.
Sun 47, Weed, 10 bbls.

Sun 33, Westhelmer, dry.
Mitchell 1, Weed, 50 bbls (rep. May 5 as No. 11.)
Hermann 28, Hermann, 60 bbls. net oil, 2,000 bbls fluid.
Jno. O'Neil 35, Butler, 30 bbls.
American Co. 4, Weed, 35 bbls.
Rucker & Breeding 4, Landslide, 30 bbls.
Devore 5, Hermann, 30 bbls.
Esperson 10, Hermann, 25 bbls.
Cleveland 6, Cleveland, 30 bbls.
Grenberry 1, King, 20 bbls.
Emerson 2, Moore, dry.
Producers 82, Fant & Freund, 25 bbls.
Completed 17, producing 12, dry 3, gasser 1, new production 1,945 bbls.

DRILLING.

Producers 69, Fant & Freund.
Hermann 40, Hermann.
Sun 21, Moore, shut down.
Sun 48, Hargraves.
Sun 49, Summers.
Ben Tabor 1, Fonden.
McKallip & Swarthouse 2, Lone Acre.
Leonard & Murphy 1, Westheimer.
Emerson 1, Butler.
Woods & Meadows 3, Butler, waiting for cable tools.
Woods & Meadows 4, Butler.
Nicholson 2, Butler.
Ninety-Nine 32, Butler.
Farish Agt 4, Butler.
W. S. Farish 12, Hirsch.
Mike O'Laughlin 1, Perryman.
O'Neil 36, Butler.
Granberry & Co. 2, King.
McKallip Bros. 2, Blackshear.
Shannon 1, Bissonett, cable tools.
Decker & Paddock 2, Bender.
Simms & Sharp 2, Summers, cable tools.
Simms & Farish 1, Chgo-Tex.
Guffey 2, Fant & Freund, cable tools.
Producers 81, Bering-Cortez.
Producers 83, Summers, cable tools.
Producers 84, Landslide.
Producers 67, Fant & Freund, shut down.
Producers 85, Conway, shut down.
Producers 77, Butler, shut down.
Burt-McGaffey, Fields, shut down.
Sun 44, Weed.
Drilling 32.

DERRICKS.

Hermann 38, 39 and 42, Hermann.
Sun 50, Bailey.
Sun 51, Bailey.
Sun 52, Jones.
American Co. 5, Cherry.
Ninety-Nine 33, Texas 8 acres.
Producers 86 and 87, Conway.
New M. & P. 57, Brockman.
Derricks 11.

ABANDONED.

McNally 1, Weed, not completed.
Producers 80, Landslide, dry.
Producers 65 and 66, Fant & Freund, not completed.
Producers 74, Hirsch, abandoned, not completed.
Rucker 1, Denman.
M. & P. 57, Brockman.
Producers 79, Reed.
Hermann 35 and 37, Hermann, dry.
Landslide 3, Landslide.
Emerson 2, Moore.
Abandoned 12.

SOUR LAKE.

COMPLETED.

Texas 122, Texas farm, 60 bbls.
Texas 123, Texas farm, 10 bbls.
Crosbie 4, Heywood, 60 bbls.
Heidner and Hart 4, Cannon, 15 bbls.
Completed 4, producing 4, new production 145 bbls.

DRILLING.

Edna 1, Jackson, shut down.
Lone Pine 2, Sour Lake Townsite, shut down.
Texas Star O. & T. Co. 4, Cannon, shut down.
Keever & Gordon 1, Check and Hartwell.
Heidner and Hart 5, Cannon.
Crosbie 5, Wirt-Davis.
Knight 2, Fell.
Drilling 7.

RIGS.

Texas 124 and 125, Texas.

DRILLING DEEPER.

Texas 60½, Texas.

NOTES.

Texas 120 on the Texas was drilled deeper and is now producing 20 bbls.
Hardin Co. 9, on the Hardin, was drilled deeper and is now producing 40 bbls.

SARATOGA.

COMPLETED.

None.

DRILLING.

Guffey-Tabor 3, H. A. Phillips (reported May 5 as Guffey 12).

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Drilling Deeper 2.

RIGS.

Sun 40, Kirby.

NOTE.

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SPINDLETOP.

COMPLETED.

Lucky Strike 5, McFaddin, 200 bbls.
Thrasher & Davis 19, Gladys, 70 bbls.
Bowles 9, McFaddin, 200 bbls.
Kathleen Oil Co., block 25, Gladys, 70 bbls.
G. W. Armstrong, old San Jacinto lease, 80 bbls.
Unity 14, (formerly Big 5) McFaddin, 50 bbls.
Completed 6, producing 6, new production 670 bbls.

DRILLING.

Wagner, Teagle, Wilson and others, block 36, Hogg-Swayne, shut down.
Henderson and others (formerly Deming and others) McFaddin, shut down.
T. C. Stribling and others 1, block 38, Hogg-Swayne, waiting for standard rig.
Silverman and others, black 5, Gladys, tubing to test.

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F. D. Smith & Co. 11, old Heywood lease, shut down.
Hirshfield 2, McFaddin, shut down.
Unity 20, Unity fee simple, trying to pack off water.
Stribling, Speed and others 2, block 5, Gladys, baling.
Wilson & Adsit 2 (old Miss-Tex.) bl. 22, McFaddin, fishing.
E. B. Baldwin Trustee 1, McFaddin, going over 6 inch with 8.
Guffey 37, McFaddin, fishing.
Castor Oil Co., Chaison.
Guffey 102, Gladys.
Unity 15, McFaddin.
Drilling 14.

RIGS.

Bowles 11, McFaddin.

DERRICKS.

Thompson & Henderson, Weed & Hebert.
Kathleen Oil Co., block 25, Gladys.

ABANDONED.

Sun 1, McFaddin.
Guffey 101, Gladys.
Williams & Heilbron, old National lease in Gladys.
Guffey 35, McFaddin (derrick up only, but location abandoned.)
Abandoned 4.

NOTE.

Lucky Strike 5 on the McFaddin which came in good for 200 bbls has improved and is now making about 300 bbls on the pump.

BATSON.

COMPLETED.

Guffey 80, Wing, 15 bbls.
Reliance 1, Producers, 15 bbls.
Completed 2, producing 2, new production 30 bbls.

DRILLING.

Browning 11, Thaxton, shut down.
Guffey 82, Wing, sanded.
Drilling 2.

RIGS.

E. F. Denman 4, Huntington 2 acres.

DERRICKS.

Guffey 9, Marshall.

LOCATIONS.

Guffey 9, 10 and 12, Marshall.

ABANDONED.

Edwards-Hefley 2, Milhome.
Cubberly 2, Green.

NOTE.

Guffey 82 on the Wing came in a producer but sanded, hence is classed as a drilling well.

DAYTON.

COMPLETED.

American Sulphur and Oil 2, river bottom, salt water.

DRILLING.

Andrews & Fox 5, Section 125.
American Sulphur and Oil 3, river bottom, shut down account high water.
Dayton 1, Sec. 125, shut down.
Drilling 3.

RIGS.

Sun 32, West Liberty 10 acres.

PIEDRAS PINTAS.

It is reported from Piedras Pintas, Duval County, Texas, that operations have been resumed on the Cleary and Lawson wells. They were closed down to permit of boiler repairs and a general overhauling, of the pumping plant. Lawson 2 started pumping about April 25 and on May 5 was holding

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up to 50 barrels a day. Lawson 1, was shut down and is to be cleaned out. Geo. Karsch has a rig up on a sublease of five acres from Cleary and Lawson, out of their 200-acre lease, 100 feet from their No. 1.

MISSION FIELD.

Josey & Hamill's test on the Dougherty farm, three miles west of the Mission Oil Company's wells in the Mission field, south of San Antonio, and between the Medina river and Elm creek, is dry at 1,608 feet. Walsh No. 1, across the creek from the Mission wells, is pumping 15 to 20 barrels a day, and is the only well producing in the field.

JENNINGS.

COMPLETED

J. H. O. S. 64, Lekelt, salt water.
J. H. O. S. 63, Fee Simple, salt water.
J. H. O. S. 60, Fee Simple, 500 bbls on air.
J. H. O. S. 61, Clement, 800 bbls on air.
J. H. O. S. 62, Clement, salt water.
Heywood Oil Co. 5, Eunice-Crowley, salt water.
Heywood Oil Co. 4, Eunice-Crowley, 175 bbls. on pump.
Jennings 14, Clement, 200 bbls on air.
Producers 43, Latreille 40 acres, 5,000 bbls.
Completed 9, producing 5, dry 4, new production 6,675 bbls.

DRILLING.

J. H. O. S. 65, Fee Simple.
J. H. O. S. 66, Clement.
Jennings 15, Clement.
Zigler 6, Wheat and Wilson tract.
C. O. & M. Co. 36 and 37, Fee Simple.
Knott 1, Lyons.
J. H. O. S. 52, Southern.
J. H. O. S. 53 and 54, Fee Simple.
J. S. Merle 3, Schultz, shut down.
Interstate 2, Schultz.
Producers 35, 39, 42, 44, 45, 46 and 47, Latreille 40 acres.
Drilling 19.

RIGS.

Heywood Oil Co. 6, Eunice-Crowley.
Grand Gulf 1, Lamar.
Rigs 2.

DERRICKS.

Barker Oil Co. ½ mile south of Jennings.

DRILLING DEEPER.

J. H. O. S. 62, Fee Simple.
Chgo-Jen 7, Clement.
Mamou 5, Hill & Banks.

CADDO.

COMPLETED.

Caddo G. & O. 11, Smith, 5 bbls oil, 15,000,000 gasser.
Richardson 2, sec. 32-21-15, 1,200 bbls.
Caddo G. & O. 1, fee lands, sec. 1-20-16, 200 bbls.
Caddo G. & O. 4, Gilbert, sec. 13-20-16, gasser.
Producers 2, Murray & Colquitt, sec. 12 20-16, 65 bbls.
Completed 5, producing 3, gassers 2, new production 1,470 bbls.

DRILLING.

Blanchard 2, Offenhauser, sec. 35-21-16.
J. C. Trees Oil Co. 1, H. & L. sec. 32-21-15.
Blanchard 3, Graham, sec. 12-20-16.
Dawes, Armour, Fairbanks 1, fee lands, sec. 7-20-15, gassing and producing salt water, probably lost.
Townsite 1, Richardson, shut down.
Producers 2, Heilperin & Liebman, gassing.
Daniel and Aldey 1, Wadkins, shut down.
Producers 2, B. B. L. Co., sec. 7-20-15. Cable tools.
Caddo G. & O. 12, McDow.
Texla 3, Heilperin & Liebman, sec. 32-21-15.
Lillie 1, Lillie, sec. 12-20-16.
Enterprise 1, Noel 20 acres, sec. 12-20-16.
J. C. Trees Oil Co. 2, Dixon, sec. 33-21-15
Richardson 1, Pitts, shut down.
Producers 1, Rudersdorf.
Caddo G. & O. 3, Offenhauser, sec. 1-20-16.
Drilling 16.

DERRICKS.

McCormick 1, Thompson.
Filer 1, A. and L. P. & Co.
Caddo G. & O. 14, Offenhauser.
McCormick 1 and 2, Mooringsport.
Caddo G. & O. 13, Caddo Lake O. & P. L. Co.
Guffey 1, Christian.
Caddo G. & O. 6, Smith.
J. C. Trees 3, Rudersdorf.
J. C. Trees 4, S. E. ¼ sec. 32.
Richardson 3, Mayfield.
Producers 8, C. O. & M. Co.
Producers 2, Murray.
Derricks 13.

NOTES.

Richardson 2 on the Mayfield at Pine Island which came in May 9 produced about 3,000 bbls. of oil in 60 hours or 50 bbls an hour. The rating is conservative, some of the estimates reaching 1,500 bbls a day. The well is very fitful one moment producing all oil, then a mixture of oil and salt water, then all salt water. On May 16 it was shut down.

The Hostetter well at Mooringsport on May 7 blew out mud and shale but no oil while the drillers were again fishing for the tools and pipe in the well. It has since subsided and the fishing job is proceeding.

Pipe for the gas line to Texarkana has been dumped along the right of way despite the ordinance passed by the Caddo police jury forbidding the use of or crossing of public roads by any line to pipe gas out of the state.

It is reported W. W. Griffey will drill a well for the Monroe-Shreveport Syndicate on the southeast corner of 40 acres purchased by Forsythe, George and others in section 23-19-16.

The Merchants' Oil Company will drill in the Caddo field, the exact location is not reported.

The United Petroleum Company, Ltd., capitalized at $50,000, has been organized by J. L. Means, E. B. Rand, W. M. Hamilton, H. H. Jenkins, E. P. Mills and L. E. Etchison to drill at Caddo.

C. G. Dawes on May 7 purchased of the Oliff Brick Company 5 acres in sec. 6, twp. 20, range 15 for $3,750. This piece twelve months ago brought $200 an acre when the Oliff Company bought of the Louisiana Real Estate and Development Company. On May 8 Mr. Dawes bought the Richardson and Nunnelly 20 acres in the S. E. ¼ of sec. 1, twp. 20, range 16. This adjoins the first tract.

On May 6 J. W. Atkins entered placer claims for 80 acres in sec. 27, twp. 20, range 16. On May 7 J. E. Bailey, S. B. Posey and J. G. McLemore each filed claims on 40 acres in sec. 11, twp. 21, range 16. On

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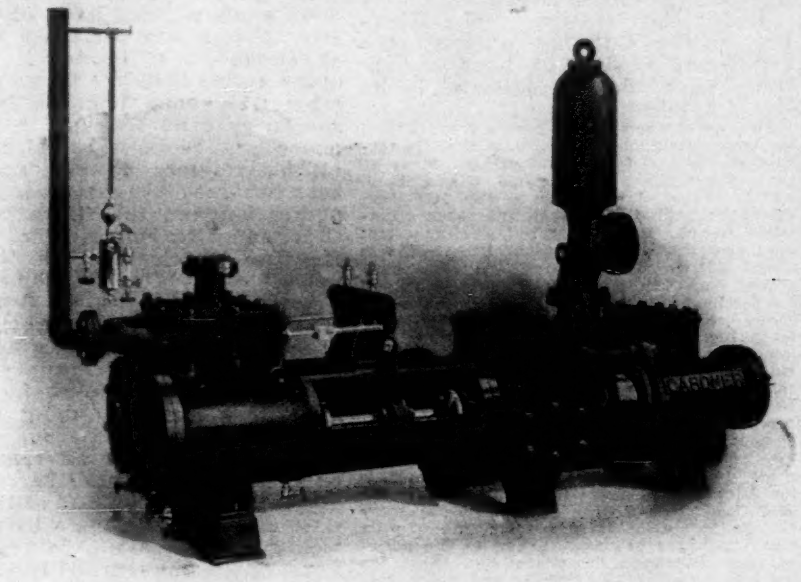

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May 11 two acres in the N. W. ¼ of the S. E. ¼ sec. 1 were sold or $500 an acre to W. S. Penick by R. F. Bells. Jno. R. Land bought 14 acres in sec. 4 for $2,800. G. E. Mengel purchased 5 acres or $750.

ANSE LA BUTTE.

COMPLETED.

None.

DRILLING.

Lake 8, Martin drilling deeper—over 2,000 feet in rock.

Grow 1, Patin, drilling deeper—over 2,000 feet in rock.

Broussard 1, Broussard, shut down.

Deborah 1, Guedry, bailed, salt water, drilling deeper.

R. Martin 1, Martin fee simple.

Drilling 5.

DERRICKS.

H. B. O. C. 2, Patin.

WILDCAT NOTES.

It is reported from Minden, La., that the Webster Oil and Gas Co. capitalized at $100,000, has begun drilling in ward one, seventeen miles north of that place. A rotary is being used and the contract calls for a hole 2,500 feet deep.

An investigation of oil indications near Brownsville, Tex., is being made, due to the presence on the coast of Padre Island of large quantities of sea wax.

A company is reported to be organizing to drill for oil in Orange county, Tex.

The test well W. S. Lewis is drilling near Markham, Tex., was in blue gumbo at 1,882 feet on May 10. Lime concretions were found, some quite hard, and all the gumbo and shale below 500 feet is highly impregnated with iron pyrites. The gumbo and shale from 20 feet down is blue and all the rock from 600 feet down is full of pyrites. A good showing of gas and a trace of live oil is reported.

At Goose Creek, Tex., Simms 1 is down about 1,925 feet, Simms 2, about the same depth and the Goose Creek Company's well about 1,600 feet.

At Pauli, Tex., the first test drilled was dry at 1,500 feet, the second was salt water at 850 feet and the third is now rigging up.

At Missouri City (Blue Ridge) Texas the Producers is in gumbo at about 1,175 feet.

At Big Hill, Liberty county, Tex., the Sun Company is down about 425 feet in its second well.

Patillo Higgins has suspended work at Hockley, Tex.

A dry hole at 2,200 feet is reported from Pearl, Calcasieu parish, La.

The Teneha-Center Oil Company of Center, Tex., will lease forty acres of land from the Flat Fork Oil Company and begin development. S. T. Fleshman, president; C. O. Bryan, vice-president; L. W. Palmer, secretary; F. C. Powell, treasurer; W. C. Mortimer, general manager. Directors, J. M. Sanders, B. W. Pearce, N. B. Atkins, A. C. Cooper, H. C. Parker, E. E. Samford and Jake Urdong.

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Louisiana.

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Miscellaneous.

Shaffer Gas Company, Marshall, Ill.; to develop gas and oil properties; capital, $25,000. Incorporators: C. H. Doolittle, J. K. D. Shaffer, John P. Hunter.

Tamms Oil Co., Cairo, Ill.; to develop oil and gas properties; capital, $20,000. Incorporators: James H. Calligan, Lee B. Davis, David S. Lansden.

Monroe Oil Co., Augusta, Me.; oil; capital $100,000. President and treasurer, J. Berry, Augusta; clerk, L. A. Burleigh, Augusta.

Columbia Oil Company of West Virginia, Robinson, Ill.; to develop oil, gas and mineral properties; capital, $150,000. Missouri corporation.

Springs Oil Company, New Jersey; capital, $100,000. Incorporators: F. L. Thompson and Warren G. Guise, Tulsa, Okla.; Harry W. Davis, Wilmington.

Randolph Oil, Gas and Development Company, Sparta, Ill.; to develop oil and gas lands; capital, $1,000,000. Arizona corporation.

Hilton Gas, Oil and Mineral Company, Hilton, N. Y., natural gas and oil; capital, $5,000. Incorporators: George Ingham, Edson Taber, John E. Cooper, Hilton and others.

Buffalo and Alleghany Oil and Gas Company, Buffalo, N. Y., to drill for oil and gas; capital, $20,000. Incorporators: James McCaffrey, Peter J. Quinn, Henry T. Burns, Buffalo.

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THE TEXAS COMPANY TO REDUCE OKLAHOMA-TEXAS PIPE LINE RATES.

The Texas Company has asked authority from the Interstate Commerce Commission to publish, effective June 1, the following reductions in its schedule of trunk pipe line rates on oil transported from the Glenn pool to Texas points: To West Dallas and Eleanor, each 5 cents, making the tariff 20 cents; to Corsicana 5 cents, making the rate 25 cents; to Beaumont 10 cents, making the rate 35 cents and to Port Arthur 7½ cents, making the rate 37½ cents. The Texas Company filed its first interstate tariff, covering the transportation of Oklahoma oil to Texas, on August 24, 1907, putting into effect September 1, a rate of 25 cents to West Dallas and Eleanor. On December 17 a rate of 30 cents to Corsicana, effective December 21, 1907, was filed and on February 25 a rate of 45 cents to Beaumont and Port Arthur, effective March 3, was filed. The reduced schedule makes the pipe line rates to Corsicana, Beaumont and Port Arthur considerably less than the special refinery and export rate of 46.6 cents per barrel under which shipments of Glenn crude are made by rail.

LONDON WRITER DESCRIBES GLENN POOL AS "THE BURSTING BUBBLE."

Under the caption, "The Glenn Pool: The Bursting Bubble," the Petroleum Review of London published the following editorial in its May 9 number:

The latest news which comes from America concerning one of the most prolific territories, is far from comforting. It is to the effect that the famous Glenn Pool, which has in those fields in the Mid-Continent been producing such enormous quantities of oil, is on a rapid decline. Not long ago the daily output of the field was about 175,000 barrels, and everyone concerned was wondering when facilities would be forthcoming to take care of the enormous production. Trunk pipe lines were laid this way and that, two of them going some hundreds of miles to the Mexican Gulf, and even now, when there is still talk of another pipe line of large diameter being laid, comes the news that the daily production has already dropped to about 50,000 barrels daily, and is still decreasing. The effect of such a quick change has been most depressing upon operators, and it is no surprise to find that throughout the Mid-Continent fields, new work is very far behind what it was this time a year ago. All eyes are now turned to the opening of other prolific pools, but these, as yet, have to be discovered, and their discovery is by no means an easy matter.

Looks as if the editorial writer on the Review were getting his oil dope from one of the Hearst newspapers. "The Bursting Bubble" is good. Sounds like an anti-Bryan newspaper's description of the Bryan boom. A "bubble" that has produced over 35,000,000 barrels of oil in two years, nine-tenths of it in sixteen months, is a fairly substantial proposition. It has been bursting all right, ever since Bob Galbreath pricked it—and it has spilled so blamed much oil that all the extraordinary efforts put forth to take care of it have not been sufficient to accomplish this end. A lot of producers in the Mid-continent field would be glad to believe that the the Englishman had a straight tip when he wrote his editorial. They know, however, that some one handed him a very, very bum steer.

DEATH OF JAMES WILSON LEE.

Former State Senator J. W. Lee, for many years a prominent figure in politics and the oil industry in Pennsylvania, and law partner of S. C. T. Dodd until Mr. Dodd went to New York in 1881 to become general solicitor for the Standard Oil Company, died from heart failure at his home in Pittsburg, Pa., on May 11. Mr. Lee was the leader of the independent Republicans in Pennsylvania for years, and was actively identified with the Producers' Protective Association, out of which grew the Producers' Oil Company, then the Producers and Refiners' Oil Company and the United States Pipe Line Company, and later the Pure Oil Company, of which he was general solicitor, director and trustee at the time of his death. He was 62 years old.

On May 4 the Supreme Court of the United States ordered the penalty and ouster cases of the state of Texas against the Waters-Pierce Oil Company advanced on the docket to come up on the first Tuesday of the October term.

TEXAS INTERESTS OPPOSE REDUCTION IN OKLAHOMA-TEXAS FREIGHT RATES.

South Texas producers are aroused at the prospect of a reduction in freight rates on Oklahoma oil to all Texas points. It is known that the Southwestern lines have under consideration a new schedule to apply on shipments of crude oil for fuel consumption from the Glenn pool and other Oklahoma fields to Texas. A special rate of 15 cents a hundred pounds, or 46.6 per barrel, on crude oil for refinery use or export, has been in force since early last year, applying between the Glenn pool and Corsicana, Beaumont, Port Arthur, Houston and Sabine. This rate has undoubtedly been instrumental in equalizing the price of Gulf Coast crude with that of Oklahoma. The proposed rates, however, would bring Oklahoma crude into the Texas fuel oil market at every point of consumption. For instance, under the proposed schedule Glenn crude could be shipped to Paris or Sherman, Tex., on a rate of 46.6 cents a barrel. Fuel oil can be bought on cars at the Glenn field at 28 to 32 cents a barrel. This would make the oil, laid down at Paris or Sherman, cost 74 to 78 cents a barrel. The rate from South Texas to Paris or Sherman is 32 cents a barrel. This would leave 42 to 46 cents for the cost of the Texas oil on cars.

W. S. Farish and I. R. Bordages, Texas oil operators, went to St. Louis last week as a committee representing the Texas and Louisiana producers, to find out if possible what the railroads intend doing. The last report received was to the effect that the matter was hung up and would stay in suspension. The Texas Company is lined up against the proposed reduction in Oklahoma-Texas rates, while the Gulf Pipe Line people appear to be neutral. A report to the effect that the two Texas pipe lines were behind the proposed reduction is without foundation.

It is stated that the freight agents favored leaving the present rate of 15 cents a hundred pounds, described as for refinery and export shipments, applying to Corsicana, Beaumont, Houston, Port Arthur and Sabine, as it is if this could be done. Under the proposed schedule the rate to Beaumont would be 22 cents a hundred pounds, this to apply on shipments intended for fuel consumption. It is not believed, however, that such an arrangement would stand.

OIL DEVELOPMENT IN OREGON.

A correspondent in Ontario, Oregon, writing of the oil discoveries in that section, states that the territory being developed is in Mathews county, Oregon, about 80 miles west of Boise, Idaho, on the main line of Oregon Short Line railroad. Ontario, a point about half way between Salt Lake City and Portland, Oregon, is the headquarters of those who are exploiting the new field. Four wells have been drilled, and natural gas is being used for domestic purposes in some of the houses in Ontario. Several companies are preparing to develop their holdings. It is said that the oil sand is found at a depth of less than 900 feet.

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THE TANK STRAPPERS' COLUMN.

Special dispatch in the Galveston News of May 16:

Bastrop, Tex., May 15.—A strange phenomenon occurred here Thursday morning about 7 o'clock. Many persons noticed that the air about them was unusually warm and some even looked upon their houses to see if they had caught fire. This lasted only a few minutes. It was reported that the water in Gills Branch, about a mile below town, gushed up and a tree was seen to shoot up into the air about fifty feet. Many persons experienced the same feeling and were talking about it on the streets Thursday morning.

There is only one thing in the world that will suspend the law of gravity, make a quiet, orderly tree jump up fifty feet in the air and a peaceful country stream cut capers in the manner described, and that is Oklahoma whisky. Is it possible that the Kansas City shipping clerk got his wires crossed and sent Bastrop a case of the Pride of Muskogee? If so, who got the booze that was intended for Bastrop? Has some one been holding out on the gang? The Galveston News is a respectable and veracious newspaper, and we do not doubt that the tree and the branch behaved just as the trusty correspondent says they did. If it really was Oklahoma "rye" the wonder is that the tree didn't jump clear out of the country.

Tom Donoghue threatens to sue us for libel because we said he chewed Natural Leaf. He asserts with great indignation that he is a stranger to Natural Leaf, and points with pride to a cigar box full of Boot Jack tags. We understand that Boot Jack costs about twice as much as the other. Hence the indignation is justifiable and we retract.

A Caddo liveryman is having a steering wheel put into one of his rigs for Howard Hughes' convenience. It is hard for Howard to drive in the old-fashioned way after so many years of automobiling. He admits that mules are slower, although more reliable. Their spark plugs never fail to work, and they never strip a gear or skid. Stick to 'em, Howard.

Bill Besser of Munich, St. Petersburg and Paris, portrait dauber and pool expert, is now ensconced at the Robinson, Tulsa, and is working on Jim Sloan and Jack Crosbie, candidates for the gallery of immortals. Sloan tried to get him to paint a background showing the Oklahoma Iron Works' new shop, but Besser's artistic instinct rebelled, and the best that Jim will have behind him in the picture will be a tree or a bunch of Robinson Hotel wallpaper. Crosbie wanted Bill to paint some hair on top of his (Jack's) head. But Bill said it was against the rules of the Painters' and Pool Players' Union to beautify sitters for portraits. Thereupon Jack warned him to be sure to get every doggoned existing hair into the picture or there would be no pay.

Billy Roeser has moved into the big suite of offices on the top floor of the First National Bank Building at Tulsa, recently vacated by Wrightsman, Diggs & Bush. On the transom over the entrance door he had the painter inscribe the strange legend "4-11-44." This must be Billy's lucky number. Either that or it represents the number of automobiles he has or expects to have. His latest purchase in this line of luxuries is a 100 horse power car.

Lew Emery sat on the front row at a Tulsa theater last Saturday night and sang the show through with the chorus. Between the acts he warbled "Little Johnny Jones" with the orchestra and the house gave him a hand. Next morning he sang at church. No telling where he will sing his way to if he keeps it up.

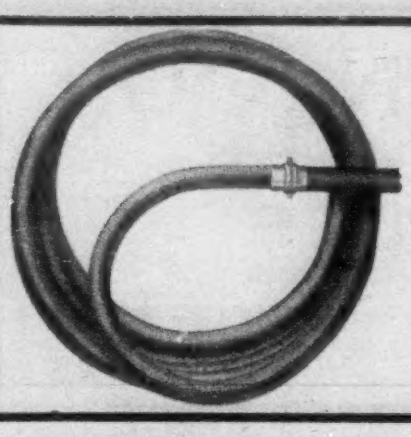
SECURITY OIL COMPANY'S NEW VESSELS ARRIVE.

The sea-going tug, Security, and its tow, the barge Sabine, reached Port Arthur May 13. These craft were recently purchased by the Security Oil Company of Beaumont to carry its refined products in the Atlantic and Gulf coast trade, it now being the policy of that company to use its own vessels for such shipments. Vice-President O. C. Edwards of the Security company, sent invitations to a number of Beaumont people to be his guests on a visit of inspection to the craft and to take a cruise on the tug out into the Gulf. This was done on May 15 and the seagoing qualities of the boat were put to the test by a very rough sea whipped up by the heavy winds that had prevailed for several days before. The trip was a thorough success in every respect.

GREAT SOUTHERN REFINERY SOLD AT TRUSTEE'S SALE.

The plant of the Great Southern Refinery Company at Beaumont, Tex., was sold last week at trustee's sale to E. J. Bode, holder of notes against it in the sum of $14,000. Mr. Bode bid it in for $4,000. The purchase price takes in the plant, real estate and all holdings of the defunct Great Southern Company. The sale was held privately. There is still a legal difficulty to be settled in regard to the plant before it will revert to Mr. Bode as his sole property. The refinery was built in 1902 and is located on the Santa Fe railroad in the city limits. It was operated only a short time, and for over four years has been idle.

Effective May 16 the Navarro Refining Company reduced the price of Corsicana light crude from 80 to 77 cents and heavy crude, or Powell oil, from 60 to 57 cents. Henrietta remains unchanged at 70 cents.



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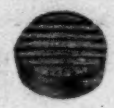

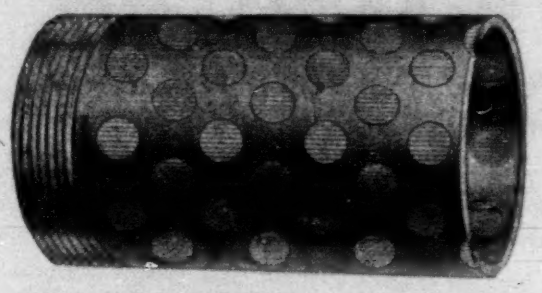

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Considerable controversy has arisen in the oil district of Caddo parish, La., as to whether lands that are mineral bearing can be homesteaded. It is reported that Representative Watkins of Louisiana is endeavoring to secure from the commissioner of the general land office a ruling regarding this question, the immediate cause of his action being that homesteads which have been entered are being placarded with notices that such tracts are mineral lands and not subject to homestead entry.

RICHARDSON WELL AT CADDO STARTS AT SIXTY BARRELS AN HOUR.

D. C. Richardson's No. 2 in the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 32-21-15, on Pine Island, a portion of the Caddo, La., field, was completed May 9, and started flowing at the rate of 60 barrels an hour. It kept this up for two and a half days, showing a tendency to be erratic at times, when it would flow water, then oil and occasionally a mixture of the two. It is finished with a perforated pipe at the bottom. This well is on six acres owned in fee by Mr. Richardson, who is a prominent Shreveport lumberman, operating a number of yellow pine mills in Louisiana and Mississippi. The six acres forms the west part of a tract of sixteen acres, the east ten being owned by Mayfield and Etchison. On this ten acres Mr. Richardson completed a well last February at 2,140 feet which made 70 barrels of oil and 4,000 barrels of water. The new well on the six-acre tract is said to be 2,155 feet deep. It is 1,300 feet west of the Texla No. 1, which was the first producer completed on Pine Island, about two years ago. The Texla Company is now drilling its No. 3 on the Heilperin & Liebman lease, 400 feet southeast of the Richardson No. 2.

Mr. Richardson has been a persistent developer in the Caddo district. His first venture was the Savage & Richardson test on the Caddo City townsite, northwest quarter of section 1-20-16. This well attracted oil operators to Caddo three years ago. It produced intermittently from 2,255 feet. The next Richardson well was drilled on the townsite to a depth of 2,240 feet, but was not a producer. It is now being worked on. The next Richardson test was drilled on the Pitts land, northwest quarter of section 7-20-15. It blew out in August, 1907, and was reported a 60,000,000 gasser. This well is standing. It is 2,140 feet deep. No. 2 on the same land was completed in April at 2,254 feet and made 20,000,000 feet of gas for three days, after which it began to show oil and is now doing over 100 barrels. This well has neither strainer nor perforated pipe in it. The Richardson No. 1 on the Mayfield & Etchison land, Pine Island, near the new well, has already been described. The Richardson No. 2 was shut in on May 12 and at last reports was not producing.

The Caddo Gas & Oil Company's No. 7 on the E. K. Smith land in section 1-20-16, which came in last February and made 500 to 700 barrels a day, has dropped down to about 200 barrels.

A full list of the completions this month and wells drilling at Caddo will be found in the field reports elsewhere in this number of the Journal.

W. B. Tucker, until recently owner of an interest in the Big Five Oil Company, has sold out all his holdings in the Spindletop field and left Beaumont April 14 for Oklahoma, where he expects to engage in the oil producing business. He is still interested in the Interstate Oil Company of Jennings.

INDIAN TERRITORY ILLUMINATING OIL COMPANY'S PLANS.

A report from Tulsa quotes an officer of the Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Company as saying the Oklahoma headquarters of the company will be removed from Bartlesville to Tulsa. This action was decided upon at a meeting of the directors in Pittsburg, Pa., on May 15. A resolution was adopted, authorizing the expenditure of $1,000,000 in the development of the company's gas lands, northwest of Tulsa, and another resolution defined the policy of the company as being against the selling of gas outside of the state. The company's blanket lease in the Osage nation runs for seven years, covering 685,000 acres of land, most of it being subleased. A clause in all the subleases reserves the gas rights, and all gas wells completed by those operating under the subleases are turned over to the Indian Territory Company at cost. It is stated that the company's gas production is now 300,000,000 feet daily, and that it will be largely increased by the development just authorized. The company will engage actively in the drilling of its holdings from this time on.

It is reported from Baton Rouge, La., that a bill to conserve the natural gas resources of the state is to be introduced into the legislature by Leon R. Smith of Shreveport, providing $25,000 to be used in capping the gas wells of Caddo parish that are at present running wild. It recommends that the work be placed in the hands of the State Board of Engineers.

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CROWLEY OIL & MINERAL COMPANY'S REPORT.

President W. W. Duson, of the Crowley Oil & Mineral Company has sent the following letter to the stockholders of the company, accompanied by a complete statement reporting the condition of the company during the fiscal year ending on April 10. His letter and the statement of assets and liabilities as of April 10 are given below.

To the Stockholders of the Crowley Oil and Mineral Company:

Gentlemen:—Herewith we beg to hand you statement of the business of the above company for the year past, and wish to call your attention particularly to the excellent condition of the profit and loss account. After paying dividends amounting to $180,000, we still have a net undivided profit of $38,202.32. During the year we drilled nine wells at a cost of $37,361.76, and at present are drilling two more. The present showing is made on a decrease sale over 1907 of a little over 235,000 barrels, but the average net price for the past year is 78.25c per barrel against 39,76c for the previous year, practically double the amount. We are extending our pipe line from Egan to Crowley at a cost, for 4-inch pipe, of only 12½ cents per foot. The cost of piping the oil from Egan to Crowley is comparatively small and will enable us to obtain not less than 15 cents more per barrel for our product. The apparent difference between the net amounts due from the sales of oil for the last year and the undivided profits, showing a reduction in our assets, is caused from charging a large amount to profit and loss for abandoned wells and the depreciation in value in the machinery, material and supplies on hand. We feel sure that, after a careful study of the statement, you will agree that the company has been economically managed for the past year and as large dividends have been paid as were possible.

Respectfully submitted,
W. W. DUSON, President.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Assets.

Real estate—book value	$108,235.78	
Leases	25,150.00	
15 producing wells, cost	83,592.95	
Wells, 36 and 37, drilling, cost to date	2,275.33	
Bills receivable	62,229.79	
Accounts receivable	13,142.64	
Net oil on hand, 26,929.03 bbls at 70c	18,850.22	
Heywood Oil Co. wells investment	6,427.24	
Invent'ry 186,188.66 Less 25 per cent depreciation	46,547.16— 129,641.50	
Cash in hands of treasurer	6,612.56—	$465,558.11

Liabilities.

Capital stock	$200,000.00	
Accounts payable	1,881.29	
Unclaimed dividends	58.00	
Surplus	263,618.82—	$465,558.11

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SHIPMENTS OF OIL FROM PORT ARTHUR

(In Barrels of 42 Gallons.)

May.	Rig.	Name Vessel.	Loaded by	Consignee	Destination	Gulf crude.	Refined bbls.
5	Ss.	Ligonier	Gulf R. Co.	Gulf Ref. Co.	Bayonne, N. J.	3,340	30,931
5	Barge	Allegheny	Gulf G. Co.	Gulf R. Co. of La.	Gretna	....	4,232
5	Barge	Mingo	Gulf R. Co.	Gulf R. Co.	Port Tampa	....	4,421
5	Barge	Conneaut	Gulf R. Co.	Gulf R. Co.	Port Tampa	....	17,578
5	Ss.	Mira	Texas Co.	For orders	Hamburg	....	40,315
9	Ss.	Tioga	Gulf R. Co.	For orders	For orders	....	16,574
12	Barge	Conemaugh	Gulf R. Co.	Gulf R. Co.	Gibson's Point	....	17,214
12	Ss.	J. M. Guffey	Gulf R. Co.	For orders	Marcus Hook	20,811	006
15	Sch.	Kineo	Texas Co.	Texas Co.	Delaware Riv Sta.	....	11,922
Miscellaneous dock deliveries by The Texas Co. to tugs and barges..						165	
Miscellaneous dock deliveries by Gulf Refining Co. for bunkers.....						4,102	
Total barrels for first half of May.....						38,418	143,194

SHIPMENTS OF OIL FROM SABINE

(In Barrels of 42 Gallons.)

May	Rig.	Name Vessel.	Loaded by	Consignee	Destination	Gulf. crude	Refined bbls.
1	U. Ss.	Sabine	Sun P. L. Co.	U. S. Gov't.	.....	194	...
1	Barge	Gusher	H. O. & F. Co.	Cuyton & Co.	Galveston, Tex.	*5,014	...
4	Barge	Gusher	H. O. & F. Co.	Guyton & Co.	Galveston, Tex.	3,784	...
4	Ss.	Ottawa	Security Co.	Standard Co.	New York	...	29,539
7	Ss.	Sun	Sun P. L. Co.	Sun Co.	Marcus Hook.	48,120	...
7	Ss.	Winifred	Sun P. L. Co.	Sun Co.	Marcus Hook.	20,871	...
8	U Ss.	Sabine	Sun P. L. Co.	U. S. Gov't.	.....	196	...
8	U.S.D.	Barge No. 2	Sun P. L. Co.	U. S. Gov't.	Port Arthur	080	...
9	U.S.D.	Barge No. 1	Sun P. L. Co.	U. S. Gov't.	Port Arthur	089	...
9	Ss.	Tioga	Security Co.	Standard Co.	New York	...	2,821
11	Ss.	Paraguay	Sun P. L. Co.	Sun Co.	Marcus Hook.	18,666	...
12	Ss.	Genessee	Security Co.	Standard Co.	New York.	...	28,968
15	U. Ss.	Sabine	Sun P. L. Co.	U. S. Gov't.	.....	174	...
Miscellaneous dock deliveries by H. O. & F. Co. to tugs and barges..						2,005	...
Total barrels for first half of May.....						99,193	61,328

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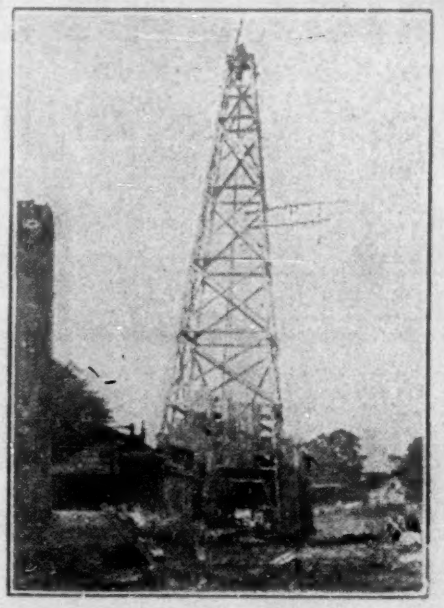

SENATE PASSES BILL FOR REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS.

WASHINGTON, May 16—(Special)—The Senate has passed the bill for the removal of restrictions from the lands of a part of the allottees of the Five Civilized Tribes. The terms of the bill have already been outlined in these columns. The Senate passed the bill with little change from the form in which it was reported by the committee on Indian affairs. It has gone to conference but an early agreement is expected and then the bill will go to the president for his signature.

No meeting in Washington in recent years has aroused the comment and discussion, not merely here, but elsewhere, that has been stirred up by the conference of governors and others called by the president to assemble at the White House and take steps for the conservation of natural resources. It is the first time on record that such a conference has been held. It is doubtful if the vast importance of it has come to be generally appreciated. On the face of things, it is aimed to help along the movement to prevent the waste of the country's forests, its fuel, including coal, oil, gas and the like, its water power, its minerals and its resources generally. It looks to the reclamation of the arid lands and the development of the inland waterways. But much broader than this, it is an effort on the part of the president to force Congress to action through enlisting back of him the chief executives of the states and distinguished citizens from all sections. Such a movement to stir up the public for the purpose of driving Congress into action has never before been taken by a chief executive. "The president has created a new advisory Congress," declared a close friend of his the other day. The president has learned by ample experience how difficult it is to get Congress to put through the legislation that, as the president sees it at least, the public really wants. He has undertaken to muster to his aid the governors and leading citizens of the states and it will be surprising if out of this conference do not grow other similar conferences that may be expected to deal with various great problems affecting the welfare of American institutions. Opinions will no doubt differ on the wisdom of the course the president is taking, in thus seeking to drive Congress to action, but the fact remains that this is what is being attempted and it is distincly a new departure in American governmental affairs. Not the least important feature of it is the fact that the president has the governors with him, without regard to party.

Secretary Garfield, in response to a recent Senate resolution, has sent to the Senate a statement of the plans now in progress for international standards for testing mineral-oil products, with a further statement of the legislation advisable to secure their adoption. The Secretary's report, which is brief, says:

The methods of determining the quality of crude petroleum and its various products vary, not only as between the practice in the United States and abroad, but as to the tests prescribed in various parts of this country, and particularly in the transactions by which petroleum products are bought by the United States government and the tests by which the character of the petroleum is determined in the lands on Indian reservations leased to private producers. These discordant testing methods have led to much confusion and even costly litigation in the United States and abroad, and in the export trade particularly. The lack of uniformity in testing the shipment of oil has frequently been disastrous to many different producers and shippers.

For this reason a representative of the Interior Department attended the Third International Petroleum Congress, held in Roumania in 1907, where one of the prime subjects of consideration was an effort at international uniformity in testing methods. Great interest in this subject was developed at the congress by the united attitude of all delegates from France, who endeavored to have tests adopted favorable to French interests. A similar united front was shown by all the delegates from Germany and Austria in favoring a widely different system of testing methods, and the committee formed at the beginning of the congress selected the testing methods given in the appendix of this report as the only ones on which there was substantial agreement among all factors in Europe. The report of the American representative, however, indicates that many of these tests are not suited to the conditions in the United States.

At this congress the following experts were appointed a permanent commission to formulate and secure the international adoption of such methods of testing petroleum as careful investigation should prove most generally suitable:

President, Dr. D. Holde, professor of Polytechnic School, Berlin.
General secretary, Dr. L. Ubbelohde, professor of Advanced Technical School, Carlsruhe, Germany.
Secretary, Mr. Guiselin, engineer, France.
Dr. L. Weinstein, Germany.
Dr. D. T. Day, America.
Dr. C. W. Waidner, America.
Mr. Boverton Redwood, England.
Dr. P. Dvorkovitz, England.
Prof. R. Zaloziecki, Austria.
Dr. L. Singer, Austria.
Mr. Nicholas, engineer, Belgium.
Doctor Tassilly, France.
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Professor Charitschkoff, Russia.
Mr. Gouchmann, Russia.

This international commission will hold a meeting during the coming summer for the further formulation of international testing methods. It is reported by the American representative that, while this commission is earnestly working for the best interests of all concerned, eighteen of the twenty members are Europeans, whose knowledge of the conditions in the United States dates back to the years when Pennsylvania petroleum was the important factor, and they are practically ignorant of the recent crude petroleums in the mid-continent field. It is absolutely certain that the rules adopted by this commission will be accepted unanimously by all European countries. Such rules are of extreme importance in the petroleum trade, and if formulated without proper knowledge of the conditions in the United States will constitute a serious menace to petroleum interests. On the other hand, if they properly include recognition of the United States interests they are capable of being extremely useful in simplifying interstate petroleum traffic in the United States. Prior and subsequent to this meeting it is extremely desirable for the Department of the Interior to make such tests of the various crude petroleums of the United States as will set forth the conditions in this country sufficient to facilitate the complete

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understanding of the needs of this country when this commission shall convene and in its subsequent deliberations.

It is further desirable to hold this international conference in the United States during the coming summer, and to enable this international commission to carefully examine the conditions of occurrence of petroleum in the Western states. To carry out this plan, the following amendment to the sundry civil bill is offered for your consideration:

"To enable the Secretary of the Interior to defray the expenses of making petroleum tests and of a meeting of an international commission for the standardization of methods of testing petroleum and its products, ten thousand dollars."

Congress is expected to make the appropriation recommended.

Secretary Garfield has been advised that the oil men in the Oklahoma field are well satisfied with the new arrangement as to leases. He believes the new plan will work out satisfactorily and that it will operate with the minimum of friction between the producers and the Interior Department. JOHN SNURE.

MR. JOSEPH SEEP'S SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY.

Joseph Seep of Titusville, Pa., head of the Seep Purchasing Agency, through which the Standard makes its purchases of crude oil, was 70 years old on May 7. His friends and associates of many years in the oil business celebrated the anniversary with him at the Fieldmore Hotel, three miles out from Titusville, in a locality renowned for its beauty. Toasts were responded to by Mr. Seep, Calvin N. Payne, P. C. Boyle, S. C. Lewis, W. V. Miller, W. J. Breene and the Rev. Thomas L. Cavanaugh. Henry H. Rogers made an impromptu talk, as did M. N. Allen, General Charles Miller, Glenford McKinney, Wade Hampton, the Rev. J. M. Critchlow, A. L. Fennessey and Thomas M. Blackwell. The occasion was a most felicitous one, all the speakers paying high tribute to the character and career of Mr. Seep. A letter of congratulation from John D. Rockefeller was read by Toastmaster S. S. Bryan, and an illuminated memorial letter was signed by all the guests in order that Mr. Seep might have a permanent souvenir and reminder of the occasion.

Mr. Seep was born in Voerde, Hanover, Germany, on May 7, 1838. His parents came to America when he was 11, and lived in Richmond, Ind. He learned the trade of cigar maker in Cincinnati and followed this occupation eight years. In 1869 Mr. Seep went to Titusville and entered the oil business with Jabez Bostwick, former business associate. In 1872 the firm of Bostwick & Tilford became associated wth the Standard Oil Company and Mr. Seep was made purchasing agent for the Standard. All oil bought by the Standard east of the Mississippi, excepting in Illinois, is handled through his agency, and his annual disbursements are said to amount to $100,000,000.

A NEW PROCESS OF REFINING PETROLEUM.

The petroleum refining industry is necessarily based upon separating the light and most volatile portions of petroleum from its heavier and less volatile portions, by evaporation. The heat of evaporation of petroleum causes serious loss of products by the formation therefrom of fixed gases, carbon, etc., and the products themselves are seriously injured by such change of their natural constituents pro-rata with the increasing gravity of the body of the petroleum being evaporated from, thus seriously impairing their illuminating and lubricating properties. This loss and injury so rapidly increases in proportion to the density of the petroleum that a great portion of the petroleum produced is substantially worthless for refining purposes by any heretofore known means.

Wells & Wells, of Columbus, Ohio, have invented, patented, and have in commercial operation, a process whereby it is claimed that the evaporization of all the evaporable portions of any petroleum can be rapidly and economically accomplished at temperatures of the petroleum, the vapor tension of which is 40 per cent less than atmospheric pressure, or the normal boiling point of the petroleum being evaporated. The low temperatures of evaporation are accomplished by aiding the vapor tension of the petroleum by the use of a gaseous absorbent, thirsty for vapors, that loads itself with vapors from within the body of the petroleum. Vapors of petroleum thus evolved being diffused with the absorbent are removed from the evaporating vessel. The result of this evaporation and removal of the vapors is that their condensate is refined products that possess their original perfection.

This process discloses that substantially the constituents of all petroleums are perfect illuminants and lubricants. In operation, the gaseous absorbent takes up the lightest and most volatile portions of the petroleum as fast as they are made sufficiently volatile by heat, consequently the vapors being evolved contain the least possible mixture of the heavier portions of the petroleum. Therefore, because of close separation of the light oils from heavier oil, a greater quantity of light oil is obtained, and being more homogenous is proportionately more valuable. The illuminating oils being thus freed from low flash oils, and from heavy oils that impede wick travel, more than double the quantity of high grade illuminating oil is said to be obtained than has heretofore been obtainable.

The lubricating oils are evaporated, without constitutional change, and closely separated as per gravity and volatility into various grades from the unevaporable asphalt or oxidized portions of the petroleum.

By removing at low temperatures the oil that holds in solution the paraffine the petroleum contains, the paraffine forms into readily expressible crystals; consequently, steam cylinder oils thus produced are freed from paraffine that residual oils necessarily contain, which gives them high cold test and poor adhesion to heated surfaces. Moreover, steam cylinder oils have heretofore been produced mainly from petroleums of the Appalachian field; while, substantially, the constituents of all petroleums are perfect illuminants and lubricants, requiring separation into fractions of comparatively uniform density.

CHAISON-GUFFEY CASE BEING ARBITRATED.

The case of Chaison versus the J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, involving the validity of a contract for a large tract of land on Spindletop, has been taken out of the courts and by agreement between the parties at issue, has been placed in the hands of a board of arbitration composed of Thos. H. Langham, Lip Norvell and S. W. Pipkin. Its findings and report have not yet been made.

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ASSESSMENT OF OIL PROPERTY IN OKLAHOMA.

The Oklahoma tax law now being in force, that portion of it relating to the assessment of oil property is given below for the information of operators:

Section 11. Every person, firm, company, corporation or association, their lessees, trustees or receivers, owning, operating or controlling any oil or gas well or any property of any kind used by or for the purpose of producing, pumping, distributing or storing crude oil or natural gas as herein defined, except public service corporations, shall on the first day of April, 1908, or within thirty days thereafter, make out and deliver to the township assessor of the municipal township in which said well is situated, a statement in writing, verified by the oath of the officers, agent or employe of any such person, firm, company, corporation or association, their lessees, trustees or receivers having knowledge of the facts set forth in separate entries, the following, to-wit:

First. The name or number of each well, and a description of the land upon which same is situated, including numbers of land.

Second. The name or names of the owner or owners thereof.

Third. A statement of all piping, casing, tubing, and give the number of feet of each, and shall include the piping of owner of lease together with a separate account of any such property belonging to any other person, firm, company, corporation or association, their lessees, trustees or receivers located on such lands. Said statement shall include all pipe buried and on the grounds and all pipe along the section lines of said lease.

Fourth. A statement of the number and sizes of all boilers and boiler houses, the number of gas and steam engines and pumps, including water, oil and gas pumps, giving their sizes and condition.

Fifth. The number of feet of sucker rods and all other rods used on lease. The number of derricks. The material in and about tool-house. The number of teams and wagons. The number and size of all wooden and steel tanks, and the number and name of owner thereof, and the amount of oil in all wooden, steel or earthen tanks.

Sixth. The amount of lumber used in encasing tanks and for other purposes, and any and all buildings used in connection with the production of any such oil or gas.

Said statement shall include any other improvements and machinery such as drilling rigs, sand lines, cables and all appurtenances used in connection with oil or gas wells. Said statement shall include the value of each article named, at what it would bring at a fair voluntary sale.

Section 12. It shall be the duty of the township assessor of any township in which tanks or tank farms for storage of crude petroleum is located to assess as other property is assessed, to the proper owners at the fair cash value, as hereinbefore defined, any and all such tanks and the contents thereof; together with all boilers, tools, pipes, pumps, fixtures and appurtenances of every kind used by or for the purpose of producing, pumping, distributing or storing any crude petroleum or natural gas; and for the purpose of enabling him to make a correct assessment thereof, he shall go upon and have access to every part of any plant, pump station, receiving station, tank farm or office, where information regarding any such properties may be obtained.

Section 13. Every person, company, corporation or association failing to substantially comply with the provisions of this act shall be thereby liable to a double assessment for such failure.

Section 14. Any person making affidavit as required by this act who shall willfully give a false or fraudulent list or schedule or statement shall be deemed guilty of perjury and upon conviction thereof shall be punished therefor by confinement in the penitentiary for a period not exceeding five years.

Section 15. An emergency for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect from and after its passage and approval.

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CONCERNING THE DOPE BOOK.

"At your convenience I will appreciate very much your sending me a copy of the Oil Investor's Journal Dope Book, a copy of which I have recently looked over with a great deal of interest."—C. W. Cahoon, Manager Central Texas Division Waters-Pierce Oil Co., Dallas, Tex.

"I would appreciate very much five or six copies of the latest issue of your Dope Book, sending same to me at La Salle Street Station, Chicago."—Eugene McAuliffe, General Fuel Agent Rock Island Lines, Chicago.

"Would you be good enough to forward us three or four additional copies of the Dope Book, as we find it very convenient for ready reference."—C. T. Martin, Gulf Pipe Line Company, Pittsburg, Pa.

The tanker Washtenaw, which cleared from the Security Oil Company's docks at Sabine, Texas, on April 30, went aground May 8 on a sand key off Monmouth Beach, N. J. The boat, being of steel, was not in danger of being broken up, though a turbulent sea was running, and she was finally floated without mishap. She was consigned to the Standard Oil Company at New York and carried refined oil.

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NEW FORM OF OIL AND GAS LEASE ON INDIAN LANDS.

Following is the new form of oil and gas lease applying to Indian lands in Oklahoma as approved by Secretary Garfield on April 20 and in effect May 1:

This indenture of lease, made and entered into in quadruplicate on this..... day of ....., A. D. 19.., by and between ..... of ..... a ....., citizen of the ..... Nation, party of the first part, hereinafter designed as lessor, and ..... of ....., party of the second part, hereinafter designated as lessee, under and in pursuance of the provisions of the act of congress approved ....., witnesseth:

1. The lessor for and in consideration of one dollar, the receipt whereof is acknowledged, and of the royalties, covenants, stipulations and conditions hereinafter contained, and hereby agreed to be paid, observed and performed by the lessee, does hereby demise, grant, lease and let unto the lessee for the term of five years from the date of the approval hereof by the secretary of the interior, and as much longer thereafter as oil or gas is found in paying quantities, all the oil deposits and natural gas in or under the following-described tract of land, lying and being within the county of..... and state of Oklahoma, to wit: The..... ..... of section ....., township ....., range ....., of the Indian Meridian, and containing ..... acres, more or less, with the exclusive right to prospect for, extract, pipe, store and remove oil and natural gas, and to occupy and use so much only of the surface of said land as may reasonably be necessary to carry on the work of prospecting for, extracting, piping, storing and removing such oil and natural gas, also the right to obtain from wells or other sources on said land, by means of pipe lines or otherwise, a sufficient supply of water to carry on said operations, and also the right to use, free of cost, oil and natural gas as fuel so far as necessary to the development and operation of said property.

2. The lessee hereby agrees to pay or cause to be paid to the United States Indian agent, Union agency, Muskogee, Okla., for the lessor, as royalty, the sum of ..... per cent of the gross proceeds of all crude oil extracted from the said land, such payment to be made at the time of sale or removal of the oil. And the lessee shall pay as royalty in advance on each gas-producing well utilized otherwise than as provided herein, where the capacity is tested at three million cubic feet or less per day of twenty-four hours, one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, and where the capacity is more than three million cubic feet per day, fifty dollars for each additional million cubic feet or major fraction thereof. The lessor shall have the free use of gas for domestic purposes in his residence on the leased premises, provided there be surplus gas produced on said premises over and above enough to fully operate the same. Failure on the part of the lessee to use a gas-producing well, which cannot profitably be utilized at the rate herein prescribed, shall not work a forfeiture of this lease so far as the same relates to mining oil, but if the lessee desires to retain gas-producing privileges, lessee shall pay a rental of fifty dollars per annum in advance on each gas-producing well, gas from which is not marketed or not utilized otherwise than for operations under this lease, the first payment to become due and to be made within thirty days from the date of the discovery of gas.

3. Until a producing well is completed on said premises the lessee shall pay or cause to be paid to the said agent for lessor, as advance annual royalty on this lease, fifteen cents per acre per annum, annually, in advance, for the first and second years; thirty cents per acre per annum, annually, in advance, for the third and fourth years; and seventy-five cents per annum, in advance for the fifth year; it being understood and agreed that said sums of money so paid shall be a credit on the stipulated royalties.

4. The lessee shall exercise diligence in sinking wells for oil and natural gas on land covered by this lease, and drill at least one well thereon within twelve months from the date of the approval of this lease by the secretary of the interior, and on failure so to do this lease becomes null and void: Provided, however, there is reserved and granted to the lessee the right and privilege of delaying the drilling of said well for not exceeding five years from the date of the approval of the lease by the secretary of the interior by paying to the United States Indian agent, Union agency, Muskogee, Okla., for the use and benefit of the lessor (subject to the limitations and conditions hereinafter contained), in addition to said advance royalty, the sum of one dollar per acre, per annum, for each year the completion of such well is delayed, payable on or before the end of each year; but lessee may be required to drill and operate wells to offset paying wells on adjoining tracts and within three hundred feet of the dividing line.

5. The lessee shall carry on development and operations in a workmanlike manner, commit no waste on the said land and suffer none to be committed upon the portion in his occupancy or use, take good care of the same and promptly surrender and return the premises upon the termination of this lease to lessor or whomsoever shall be lawfully entitled thereto, unavoidable casualties excepted; shall not remove therefrom any buildings or permanent improvements erected thereon during the said term by the said lessee, but said buildings and improvements shall remain a part of said land and become the property of the owner of the land as a part of the consideration for this lease, excepting the tools, derricks, boilers, boiler houses, pipe lines, pumping and drilling outfits, tanks, engines and machinery, and the casing of all dry or exhausted wells, which shall remain the property of the lessee, and may be removed at any time prior to sixty days after the termination of the lease by forfeiture or otherwise; shall not permit any nuisance to be maintained on the premises under lessee's control, nor allow any intoxicating liquors to be sold or given away for any purposes on such premises; shall not use such premises for any other purpose than those authorized in this lease; and before abandoning any well shall securely plug the same so as effectually to shut off all water from the oil-bearing stratum, or in the manner required by the laws of the state of Oklahoma.

6. The lessee shall keep an accurate account of all oil-mining operations, showing the sales, prices, dates, purchasers, and the whole amount of oil mined or removed; and all sums due as royalty shall be a lien on all implements, tools, movable machinery and all other personal chattels used in operating said property, and upon all of the unsold oil obtained from the land herein leased, as security for payment of said royalty.

7. The lessee may at any time, by paying to the Indian agent all amounts then due as provided herein, and the further sum of one dollar, surrender and cancel this lease and be relieved from all further obligations or liability hereunder: Provided, If this lease has been recorded, lessee shall execute a release and record the same in the proper county recording office: Provided further, In event restrictions are removed from all leased premises, the lessee may surrender all the undeveloped portion thereof, by paying the lessor all amounts then due and the further sum of one dollar, which surrender shall not affect the terms hereof as to each producing well and ten acres of said premises as nearly in square form as possible next contiguous to and surrounding each of said wells, and execute and record a cancellation of premises surrendered.

8. This lease shall be subject to the regulations of the secretary of the interior, now or hereafter in force, relative to such leases, all of which regulations are made a part and condition of this lease; Provided, however, That no regulations made after the approval of this lease, affecting either the length of term of oil and gas leases, the rates of royalty or payments thereunder, or the assignment of leases, shall operate to affect the terms and conditions of this lease.

9. Upon the violation of any of the substantial terms and conditions of this lease, the secretary of the interior (or lessor, in event restrictions are removed as provided in paragraph 12 hereof) shall have the right, at any time after thirty days' notice to the lessee specifying the terms or conditions violated, to declare this lease null and void, and the lessor shall then be entitled and authorized to take immediate possession of the land.

10. Before this lease shall be in force and effect the lessee shall furnish a bond with responsible surety to the satisfaction of the secretary of the interior, conditioned for the performance of this lease, which bond shall be deposited and remain on file in the Indian office.

11. Assignment of this lease or any interest therein may be made with the approval of the secretary of the interior, it being understood that to secure such approval the proposed assignee need only be qualified to hold such a lease under the rules and regulations, and furnish a bond with responsible surety to the satisfaction of the secretary of the interior, conditioned for the faithful performance of the covenants and conditions of this lease.

12. In event restrictions on alienation shall be removed from all leasehold premises described above, this lease shall be released from the supervision of the secretary of the interior, such release to take effect without further agreement, from the date such restrictions are removed, and thereupon the authority and power delegated to the secretary of the interior as herein provided shall cease, and all payments required to be made to the United States Indian agent shall thereafter be made to lessor or the then owner of said land; and changes in regulations thereafter made by the secretary of the interior applicable to oil and gas leases shall not apply to this lease.

13. Each and every clause and covenant of this indenture shall extend to the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and lawful assigns of the parties hereto.

14. In witness whereof, the said parties have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals on the day and year first above mentioned.

GROUND FLOOR OIL COMPANY MEETING.

At a meeting of stockholders of the Ground Floor Oil Company in Beaumont on April 27 it was decided to deed the property to a trustee to manage it for the company. Several operators have asked for a lease on the three-sixteenths of an acre of land in block 37 of the Hogg-Swayne tract at Spindeltop, which is owned in fee by the company. It is probable that one of the propositions that has been submitted will be accepted and that another well will be sunk on the land. The old wells, which were productive for several years, are out of commission. The directors of the company met after the stockholders' meeting and declared a dividend of $1.80 on each $100 of outstanding stock, this representing the amount of money in the treasury.

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